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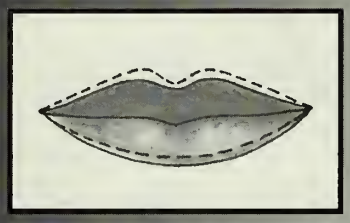

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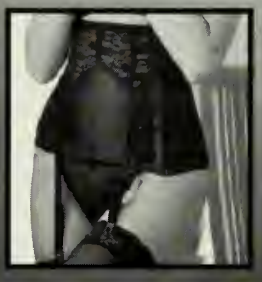

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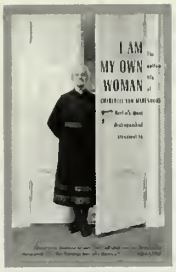


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IFGE goals include:

To educate members of the TG community, the general public, media, and elected officials on crossdressing, transgender, and transsexual issues;
To educate medical, psychological, and psychiatric health-care professionals and other care providers about TG facts, needs, and special issues;
To monitor legislation that affects the TG community;
To provide legal back-up and/or referrals for victims of discrimination;
To provide outreach and referrals for individuals and organizations within the TG community.

IFGE services include:

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# Dear Gianna:

# Gianna E. Israel

## Raising the Transgendered Child

*Recently I have found my son wearing girls' clothing. Does that mean he is a crossdresser or transsexual? Is it my fault? And what's the best thing I can do for him?*
*A Concerned Mother*

Dear Concerned:

Most parents feel confused, angry, self-doubting, and deeply worried when they learn of their child's crossdressing or transgender urges. Even among the most caring parents, panic is frequently one of the first responses. What did we do wrong? they wonder. Is my child mentally ill? What will others think if they find out? How do I deal with this shocking news?

These feelings are frequently exacerbated by the parents' belief that there is no place to turn for help. They may also assume or be misled into believing that their child may be gay or lesbian.

However, it is important to realize that sexual orientation and gender orientation are two separate but equally important components of self-identity. In the simplest of terms, sexual orientation defines who we are attracted to sexually. This may include persons of the same, opposite, both or neither sex. Gender identity is determined by how people identify their role in relation to gender (male, female, both or neither) and how they present it to the world.

For people dealing with gender issues, some find their outward physical appearance does not match their internal gender identification. This happens to be the case for *transsexuals* and *transgenderists*. (Transsexuals transition socially, hormonally and through genital surgery to live permanently as a member of the "opposite" sex. Transgenderists typically live as a member of the "opposite" sex, with or without the aide of hormones or cosmetic surgery, but do not seek genital reconstruction.) A third group of children don't identify as either gender and choose an androgynous manner of dress and self-presentation.

There are also people, known as *crossdressers* or *transvestites*, who are comfortable with their birth sex but feel the need to crossdress some of the time in order to get in touch with their "other side." They rarely seek hormones or surgery, and typically live as a member of their birth sex.

Some parents wonder if crossdressing and transgender urges are just some kind of "phase." There are several criteria which help determine this. Do the child's questions about gender arise regularly? Does the child consistently say that he or she has gender issues or has an opposite gender identity? Are attempts to crossdress made regularly? If the answer to most of these questions is "Yes," there is a strong possibility that this is not a phase and that the child has special gender issues and needs.

The majority of parents are also concerned about the difficulties a TG child faces trying to build an identity and experience different from family or social expectations. Nearly all parents fear the awful stereotypes that the ignorant and bigoted use when characterizing transgender persons. However, most parents really do want the best for their child, regardless of age. Nor do they want to see their children suffer unnecessarily. Most are not aware that transgender persons are, with the exception of being "differently-gendered," just like other people.

Generally, the first place parents of children with gender issues turn for help is within their local community. Unfortunately, the vast majority of mental health professionals have no training or experience working with TG or gender-

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# HIV-AIDS and the Transgendered Community

Sheila Kirk, MD

Not too very long ago, a great measure of the world's population told themselves that this disease could not, would not happen to them. They felt that this was a disease that was exclusive to the gay population—a disorder that was found in gay men for that matter—and not in lesbian women. The world even ignored the fact that this serious infection had its greatest reservoir in Africa in populations that are heterosexual. Even in Africa, in some areas, where control of the disease is near impossible, and the infection is rampant—there are terribly false beliefs and practices that foster the spread of the virus and the decimation of the population. In some African cultures, black males hold to the belief that not to have sex means that their genitalia will shrink and wither away, hence sexual intercourse is even more important than a meal, at times. Some of these males believe that sex with a virgin will cure them of their bodily diseases including AIDS. In some sectors, women cannot refuse intercourse with partners even when those partners are known to have AIDS. This is the mentality on the continent where the disease originated and is most common—and in areas where education is available and offered.

For a time, the world didn't understand some of the facts about how the virus is transmitted in the ways it is. Two of the most devastating ways for spread is by transfusion of blood products and common use of needles by several individuals, or more, using drugs. These modes of transmission have nothing to do with sex. Gradually the Gay/Lesbian community took note of two additional facts! First, Lesbian women can and do become infected and transmit the disease. Secondly, a certain percentage of the Gay/Lesbian population is also bisexual—the AIDS virus is spread in these liaisons as well. But with all this information, the greater part of humanity still ignores the truth. They are phenomenal targets for this disease entity because they are promiscuous, careless and even uncaring. They really believe it can't happen to them.

Some startling statistics are now being reported, and still I believe much of the human race is willing to ignore the facts. Today, over 22 million individuals worldwide are infected with the AIDS virus. It's expected that over one and a half million people will die with the disease in the United States alone in 1997. And guess what? In this country, the huge reservoirs of the disease are not in the gay community any longer. The virus is emerging strongly in the teenage population, in those who are engaging in sexual intercourse long before they know anything at all about social intercourse. The virus is proliferating wildly in those men and women who are exploring their sexuality either extramaritally or between a couple of marriages. Young adults ignore the statements made to them over and over again about protection and honesty. Philandering husbands are bringing the virus home to innocent, totally unsuspecting wives and partners. Children are born with the disease. With sexual experience beginning at twelve years of age, youngsters are becoming HIV positive often without their knowledge, and they are frequently infecting others in their age groups.

Does all this sound exaggerated? If you have even one slight thought that this is not fact--you are sadly mistaken. HIV/AIDS is not a disease of just gay people or drug users; it is not a disease only of people needing blood replace-

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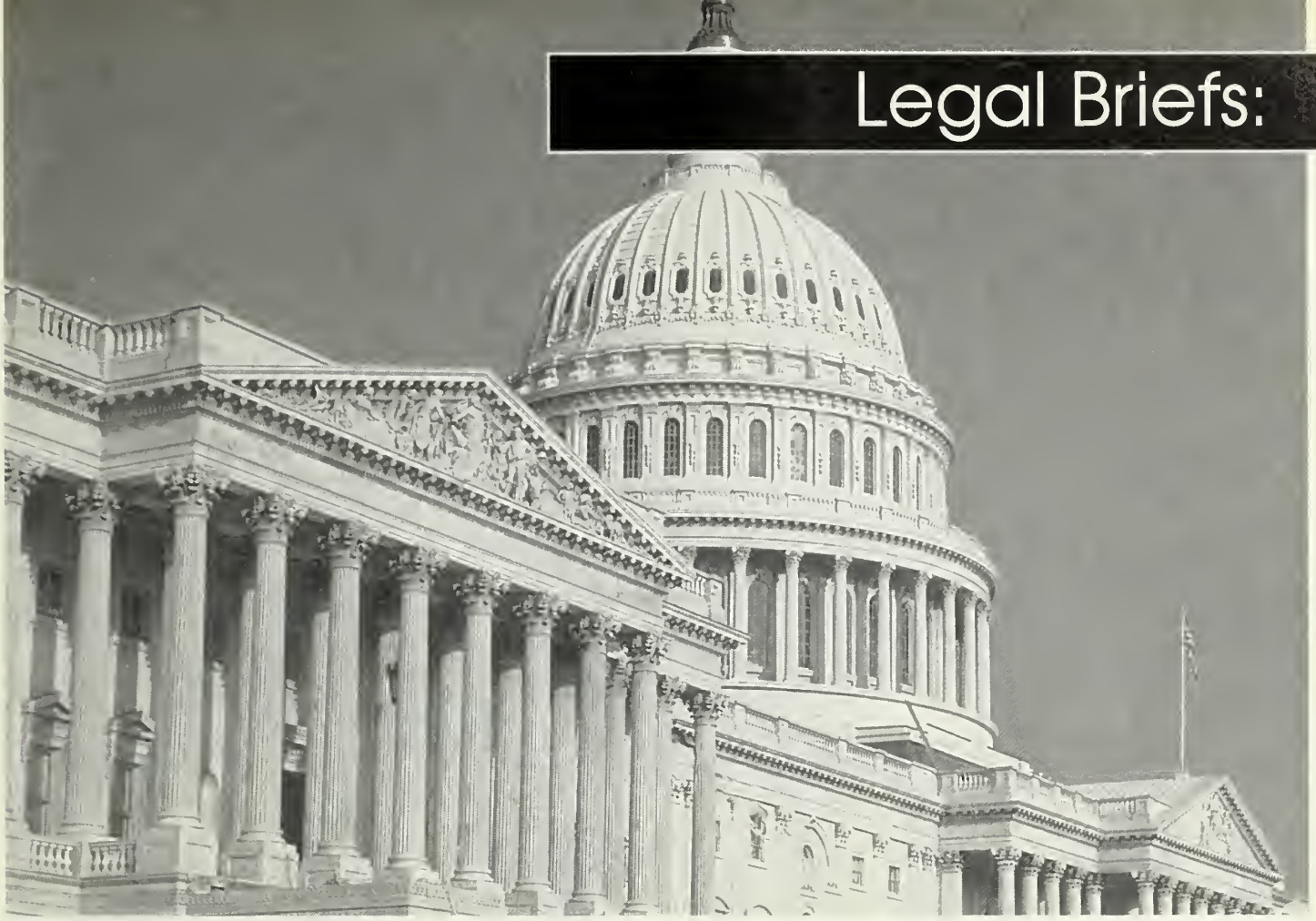

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# TGs & The Employment Non-Discrimination Act

Testimony of Dana Priesing, Congressional Advocacy Coordinator, GenderPAC before the United States Congress Small Business Committee of the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Government Programs, The Honorable Peter G. Torkildsen, Chairman.

*The Employment Non-Discrimination Act was introduced to congress by various gay/les/bi lobbying organizations, including the Human Rights Campaign Fund. As originally written, it would have protected employees from discrimination due to sexual orientation, but did not include gender orientation or identification and would not have protected transgender individuals. The act did not pass congress and is being revised, reportedly to include TG people, and will be submitted to congress again next year. On July 17, 1996, Dana Presing, a TG attorney working with the TG lobbying group, GenderPAC, appeared before the congressional Subcommittee on Government Programs to testify for the need for TG inclusion in this bill. A transcript of her testimony follows.*

THE VALUE OF ENDA

GenderPAC believes that the merit of ENDA arises from its application of two basic principles with which most Americans agree. First, there seems to be widespread agreement that all Americans who can work, should work. Those of us who agree with this principle share a responsibility to eliminate unreasonable obstacles to putting capable Americans to work. ENDA is valuable because it removes such an obstacle, namely discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The second widely agreed-upon principle underlying ENDA is that it is fundamentally unfair to subject someone to job discrimination because of personal characteristics that have nothing to do with qualifications, ability or performance. ENDA is valuable because it eliminates workplace discrimination based on a characteristic that is unrelated to qualification, ability or performance, namely sexual orientation. (Some argue that sexual orientation is not a characteristic, but a behavior, or a propensity to engage in behavior. My impression is that current re-

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# F2M Column

## "Andy"

This story has a lot of twists and turns, so it seems best to begin at the beginning. Earlier this year, a friend-of-a-friend journalist asked me to let him do a story on me (as an F2M, of course, as I'm not that interesting intrinsically) for a local free "alternative " paper.

Seeing a chance to educate people and perhaps reach those in the closet, I agreed to do the story, but with these adamant provisos: I would be identified only by a pseudonym, and there would be no photos accompanying the article. You can guess what happened next, the journalist and his editor pointed out that, without photos, the story would have far less impact. I was still very frightened of negative exposure, but I had to admit they had a point. I know as well as anyone that the proof is in the proverbial pudding and that many people just plain wouldn't believe in my story at all unless they could see how I'd turned out. So I agreed to some photos-photos of me without my glasses and looking very adolescent in my first six months on hormones, but photos of me all the same. It was a risk, but I went ahead with it, hoping that no one hostile would recognize me in public.

Then, a couple of months after the article appeared, I was walking towards my apartment building on my way home from a haircut when I noticed a middle-aged man who had lived there since before I started transition staring at me as I approached. He gawked openly as if I were some kind of space alien, and as I got closer he spoke: "Were you just in the paper? " he asked, in a tone which indicated that he was not inquiring in order to commend me on my quest to enlighten.

I looked at him as if he were crazy and said "No, " hoping the matter would end there. It didn't. A couple of months later our paths crossed again, and again he stared at me quite brazenly. I ignored him. Finally, just a couple of weeks ago, I was walking past the boiler room on my way out of the building when I saw someone I thought to be the oil man and nodded in greeting, but it was not the heating oil man. It was my friend the Gawker, and I realized too late that I had engaged his attention.

This time the gawking had gone beyond brazen – he was craning his neck and squinting at me in the most shameless way imaginable. And then something in me snapped. "Can I help you? " I found myself asking. "I'm Andy, and you are...?"

"I'm John-Jacob-Jingleheimer-Schmidt, Miss-Mister-What-ever-you-are," he replied derisively.

"That's 'Mister ,' " I informed him,"do you have a problem"?

I honestly don't remember the rest of the conversation at this point, lots of going around in circles with lots of "Is there a problem"? and "May I help you?" I do, however, remember him finally asking, "Do you want to fight? I know Karate. "

I could feel my stomach contract at this point, but I didn't let it show. "I don't want to fight," I replied, as we moved farther out into the hall. Then I asked, "What have I ever done to you?"

"I've lived in this building thirty years," he then carefully informed me, "and I have never seen a tenant like you. " And with that he turned and left.

My feeling immediately after-

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Letters And Comments From Our Readers

# TRANSCRIPTIONS

## HITS THE SPOT

Dear Ladies:

Issue #75 of *Transgender* was excellent, a good change from the old clinical *Tapestry*. You have struck a nice balance with something for everyone in the columns, departments and features. The "Cross-Gender Questionnaire" was inspired (though I think really more fun than science). A number of the questions challenged the reader to confront feelings often unarticulated. I hope more of the same is planned.

One would have to have been living on Pluto in the last year not have heard the buzz on IFGE's turbulent management transition, so creating issue #75 in the midst of all that meshugaas deserves high praise. And you certainly don't need to defend yourself to Dr. Jeffreys. If she thought issue #74 oozed with eroticism then I think the therapist has spent a little too much time staring at ink blots.

Although I criticized the old *Tapestry* for being too clinical, I've always considered it the premier transgender periodical. I have to believe that every year a thousand or more newly admitted and terribly anxious crossdressers purchased their first copy of *Tapestry* with sweaty palms and racing hearts and then, when they opened it in that place where misunderstanding eyes could not judge them, they learned to their great relief that they were neither alone nor sick. There are other fine magazines out there but none offered *Tapestry's* special refuge. The new *Transgender* still fills this need but now has something for the girl who is comfortable with her special life and wants to have some fun with her new identity.

Kate Goldman

## IT A BIG TURN OFF

Dear Transgender:

Please allow me my two cents on changes to *Tapestry:* I think they are great! I have read your magazine off and on for several years and finally started a subscription shortly before all the changes took place. The new format is more interesting and readable for the average Joe(or Josephine) while maintaining a high standard in a publishing niche littered with sleaze and ripoffs. Keep up the good work.

Keep up the good work and take care.

## THE VERY LAST WORD ON WHY WE CHANGED OUR TITLE

To Whom It May Concern:

There is a major misunderstanding. I never dreamed that your organization was on this nature. While I do honor your right to publish these things, I have no urges in that direction.

It was my understanding that your *Tapestry* magazine was for dealers of art work such as tapestries and wall hangings.

I would ask that you remove my name from your mailing list *immediately.*

Thank you for your assistance.
H. J.

## A PAINFUL DILEMMA

Dear IFGE:

I am in a position where my life is in turmoil. I am married to a heterosexual woman whom I love very much. I used to consider myself a fetishistic crossdresser. I have not told any one about this except my wife, and she prefers to not see my feminine side.

I have been dressing for a large part of my life (since I was 7 or 8). The only times I have gone out in public are at Halloween. I have done it for 3 years in a row. People are starting to ask questions, but I just shrug my shoulders and say, "Oh, well!"

I know it is more inside and serious than I thought. I have been having dreams of the complete change. I have the desire for breasts and to lose a certain appendage. This year I actually went out and bought some shoes(not easy to find, mind you). I will be buying my own wardrobe so I don't have to infiltrate my wife's closet anymore.

I know that a sex change will be an impossibility for as long as I am married (which I assume will be a very long time). I know that there will come a time when I have to make a decision as to have some kind of change. I have made up my mind to one day go through with at least a partial change (maybe breast implants and hormone therapy).

Then of course there is my child (from a different relationship). He spends every other weekend with me and my wife.

To sum it up: I am not content with my life and desire that contentment. I have thrown out a lot of clothing thinking that I could make this feeling go away, but it just comes back or doesn't even go away.

D. A. L.

Letters And Comments From Our Readers

# TRANSCRIPTIONS

Dear Editor:

I am 40 years old, married with two children, a Ph.D. university professor with a good appearance. After several years (decades) of tentatively trying to convince myself that I am a "normal" man, I am very close to decide on assuming a TG identity. I have some indoor experience with cross-dressing, but I still live full time as a normal man. This year I have begun a hormone treatment by myself, but I interrupted it, since I am afraid I'll do something wrong.

In Brazil, it is very hard to be a TV/TG. One has to go to the streets. So I am considering, at least for the transition, to move to another country in order to initiate a new life in a decent way.

R.M.P.C.
Brazil

## TGS IN TURKEY PLEA FOR YOUR HELP

Dear Editress:

We are writing you of violations against homosexuals in Turkey. This letter is a plea for a response from your government and organizations on this issue. The last six months have seen a wave of persecution directed at the homosexuals living in the Beyoglu district of Istanbul (Ulker, Kazanci and Baskuirt streets). Many of these residents fear to leave their homes, which are under continuous threat of vandalism and arson. Stones have been thrown in windows, and some homes have been set on fire. These threats and infringements are being perpetuated solely because of sexual orientation. The largely homosexual, transsexual and transvestite inhabitants of the above-named streets are being harassed or prevented from entering or leaving their homes. Thus many are in hiding, staying with friends, or coming and going at night, unable to use their lights and pretending to be absent. Several of these people have been beaten or arrested. Some have been forcibly evicted from their residences, even those which they personally own.

These systematic violations and provocations have been supported and encouraged by the Chief of Police for the Beyoglu area, Mr. Suleyman Ulusoy, often with his own personal participation. One eye-witness report described the police setting fire to the residences of well-known transsexuals. This occurred last June during the Habitat II conference. A recent development involves a campaign to hang a Turkish flag outside your door if you are not a homosexual. Homosexual's homes are thus being identified similar to the way Nazis did with pink triangles. This way they become easy targets for the malicious actions of fundamentalist and extremist organizations; the police have done nothing to stop this practice.

The local council of Beyoglu has closed down or has canceled the licenses of many of the local shops which serve this community. Even a drinking-water station was closed by this council because of so-called unhealthy conditions. Delivery boys, who bring food from restaurants, as well as taxis, are not permitted in these streets.

For these, and many other reasons, the daily lives of those living in even these homosexual ghettos are very harsh.

The writers of this letter are a group of people who have joined together with the belief in fundamental human rights and freedoms. As a group we feel helpless and hopeless in our own country and can expect little to no support or assistance from local government agencies or political organizations. The initiatives taken so far in this connection have proved ineffective; it appears that we are unable to do more.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations declares the right to housing, among others infringed upon in our community, to be a fundamental human right. Since it became a member of the United Nations, your state is a signatory to its content and its principles. We urge you to inform your government of this harsh situation, as well as to inform institutions and members of organizations that support human rights. We urge that they send letters and faxes regarding our situation. Please join us in demanding that these cases be investigated,. that Turkish authorities ensure that the police do not abuse their powers, that the harassment of transvestites, transsexuals and homosexuals be stopped.

We kindly ask you to manifest your disapproval of these violations. We firmly believe that your response will make an important contribution in correcting these people's conditions,

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News and Notes from the Gender Frontier

# TRANS-ACTIONS

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## GENDER ACTIVISM PROVES MEDIA FAVE

Not surprisingly, transgenderism continues its media popularity, but with newfound respectability and reach. In particular, national Gay publications are boosting TG as never before. The *Advocate* recently published a piece by Gabriel Rotello. "Transgendered Like Me," which opens: "Do I look transgendered? I increasingly believe that I am transgendered. What's more, I believe that if you are lesbian or gay or bisexual, you are too. And I believe that an emerging definition of all gay people as transgendered is the wave of the future."

## SF CHRONICLE TRANSPHOBIA ATTACK

In San Francisco, the *Chronicle* ran an exaggerated story hinting at mass sex-change surgeries at taxpayer expense. The story attacked local TG activists' inquiry into the exclusion of TG-related medical services from the city's insurance plan. An AP wire service story alleged 6,000 folks in the SF area could potentially apply for sex-change surgery. Apparently, exclusions in the city health plans of TG-related medical services appeared to place the city in violation of its own 2-year-old city ordinance outlawing discrimination against TGs. According to FTM International director James Green, only 7 transsexual city employees would actually be affected by a correction to the health plans, and at no cost to taxpayers.

## SF FORMS TG HOUSING PROJECT

The Housing Focus Project of San Francisco is attempting to create a TG-friendly neighborhood in the lower Haight area. FHP says they will pay any transsexual person $125 for establishing a household at a qualifying address. Says HFP's Jennifer Freeman, "We hope to create an alternative to the inner-city Tenderloin. Once enough proud transsexuals move into the area, the idea of a 'trans-town' will become self-sustaining."

## TG COMMUNITY MOVES TOWARD NATIONAL LOBBYING

Last November, representatives from 12 of the community's leading organizations met in Philadelphia to sign the Articles of Association for GenderPAC. The signing marked the founding of a unified, national movement against gender-based oppression. GenderPAC is a "public advocacy coalition," dedicated to "gender, affectional and racial equality." GenderPAC began in June of 1995 as a loose-knit advisory group of TG organizations to raise money for such activities as congressional lobbying, hate crimes protest, ending employment discrimination, community-based research, and legal advocacy. Although there has been some dispute about structure and intent, and several founding organizations have threatened to withdraw, the charter line-up included AEGIS, FTM International, IFGE, ITA, Renaissance, Tri-Ess, the American Boyz, ISNA, THAC, TOPS, Deaf Transgendered Alliance, EON, Outreach Institute, and ICTLEP.

## TS MENACE RALLIES FOR CD TEEN

Led by members of the Transexual Menace, dozens of local supporters turned out in downtown Burlington, VT to demonstrate in support of local teen Matt Stickney, who was suspended after wearing a dress to school. Demonstrators rallied on the front steps of the Unitarian Universalist Church, and enjoyed complimentary Ben & Jerry's ice cream afterwards. Stickney, a gay male making a brave statement about expressive freedom and pride, was officially suspended for unruly conduct. After Matt was verbally assaulted by other students, the principal claimed it was Stickney who was "creating a disturbance," and demanded he change his attire. A series of confrontations then ensued, which led to Stickney's suspension. The case attracted a barrage of national media attention.

## HERMAPHRODITES PICKET PEDIATRICIANS

The first demonstration by intersexuals in modern history was held last October, as 26 gender activists from across the spectrum gathered outside of the American Academy of Pediatricians' (AAP) annual meeting in downtown Boston. Their protest, aimed at AAP's continued support of Intersexed Genital Mutilation (IGM), was jointly called by Hermaphrodites With Attitude

(HWA) and The Transexual Menace. It attracted widespread and sympathetic media attention. IGM, touted by some as helping intersexed bodies achieve "normal genitals," has been equated to giving gays electroshock and lobotomy to help them achieve "normal heterosexuality." One protester, an HWA member, who had lost all erotic sensation to IGM, heard that her pediatrician was inside, chairing a panel on "managing" intersexed children. "That [deleted] cut off my clitoris, put it in formaldehyde, and has it in a jar" she cried, before breaking down in tears.

## JUDGE OKAYS MARRIAGE FOR M2F TS

In Painesville, Ohio, a judge issued a marriage license to a M2F transsexual who plans a sex change after she marries a lesbian. Since Ohio law specifies marriage as a partnership between a man and a woman, the judge asked for a doctor's note specifying that the soon to-be newwoman still possessed her male genitalia. This ruling came just two weeks after President Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage act, a law denying federal recognition to same-sex marriages. Meanwhile, in Hawaii, a judge ruled that denying a marriage license to gay couples violates their civil rights.

## PRESBYTERIANS ORDAIN TS MINISTER

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta recently voted to uphold the ordination of Erin Swenson, a M2F TS minister. In 1995, the presbytery declined to affirm Ms. Swenson's ordination. After some members indicated that the issue had theological implications that could resonate on a national level, the presbytery reconsidered. "It's the first time, that I know of, that a mainstream Protestant denomination has upheld the ordination of a minister who has transitioned in ordained office," Ms. Swenson said. "The future seems a little brighter for all of us today."

## WOMAN WED TO TG EJECTED FROM CHURCH

Meanwhile in Akron, Ohio, a lesbian married to a pre-op M2F was escorted off her church's property by police. Church leaders told her not to come back because she "remains unrepentant and seeks to mock God." The church's administrative board issued a statement saying church members want to gather for worship, prayer and Bible study "without the fear of harassment, threats or general chaos." The church had issued guidelines in 1983 welcoming anyone who believes in Jesus, but also only condoning the relationship between husband and wife. According to AP reports, at least one church member renounced her membership over the ouster.

## GAY LEGAL VICTORY SETS TG PRECEDENT

Jamie Nabozny won $900,000 last November in an Eau Claire, Wisconsin lawsuit that could lead to increased TG rights protection everywhere. The court ruled that school officials violated Jamie's rights by not protecting him from years of harassment by other students. Immediately afterward, the school board agreed to an out-of-court settlement that totaled nearly one million dollars. Nabozny said the abuse by other students ranged from name-calling to being shoved, beaten, spat upon and even having his head pushed in a urinal and being urinated upon. He testified during the two-day trial that he was kicked in the stomach so many times he later required surgery. The case has far-reaching implications, especially since it found the administrators personally guilty for failing to act on his complaints and take steps to provide a safe school environment. This victory set a precedent for any gay or TG youth being harassed in school. Administrators who refuse to take steps to end the harassment now risk serious legal and financial consequences.

## TS WIN RIGHTS IN OREGON

In what may be the first case of transsexuals obtaining protection under existing law, Oregon's Bureau of Labor and Industries announced last October that their Civil Rights Division will accept complaints of discrimination based on being TS under current state law. The announcement culminates 10 months of effort by Oregon transsexuals to persuade BOLI that the state law protecting the civil rights of disabled persons did not exclude transsexuals. Activists are still shepherding an amendment through the Portland city council which will specifically include TG people in the protection of the city's human rights act.

## CITY SAYS "SAME SEX" EQUALS ROLE, NOT ANATOMY

Cambridge, MA is on track to become the first city anywhere to pass a law which defines sex as based on something other than anatomy. Notes accompanying the amendment proposal point out the conflict that can arise when a TG seeks access to same sex housing. It justifies the same sex definition as providing a fair means for determining a person's appropriate assignment, while protecting those in same-sex housing from intrusion by "pretenders." The proposed amendment defines "same sex" as "occupying the same social and identity roles as another with respect to being male or female." The City Council approved the amendment for public hearings. The amendment was worded by this author and sponsored by the Cambridge Lavender Alliance. Activists were delighted by the 7-2 vote, which indicated an unexpectedly high level of acceptance. By the time this is published, the amendment will likely be law.

## DRAG OKAY SAYS JUDGE, NYET SAYS CITY

In Raleigh, NC, a county judge ruled

that the local gay bar Legends can continue to present drag shows as long as they don't cross the line into nudity. City officials cited the bar earlier this year for violating zoning restrictions regarding adult establishments. Legends' owners sued and won. But city officials said they'll appeal, citing complaints of "boisterous, sometimes disreputable" crowds attracted by the club.

## ARGENTINE TGS FIGHT FOR POLICE REFORM

In Buenos Aires, transgender activists are playing a lead role in reforming police policy, a reform which could have far-reaching effects for all citizens. Their efforts are inspired by extreme harassment at the hands of city police, who regularly arrest, abuse, and extort money from CDs, TSs, gays, and sex workers (prostitutes). The newly obtained reforms nullify edicts allowing police to arbitrarily arrest people who are not committing an offense. The police, however, are fighting back. Just before the new policy took force, harassment increased markedly. Those arrested were told things would only worsen, that police would not abdicate their profits, and that evidence could easily be fabricated to justify arrests. In response, a courageous group of TGs, lesbians, gays and pansexuals demonstrated at the swearing in of the new statute, demanding an accounting for the unsolved deaths of 50 transvestites over a span of only three years.

## QUEEN'S TS DOC CAN WORK AT KING'S HOSPITAL

The medical committee of the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers in London reversed an earlier decision disallowing Sarah Muirhead-Allwood her admitting privileges after she went public with SRS plans rather than be outed by a British tabloid. Ms. Muirhead-Allwood is now free to again admit patients, a move that has both her and their Chief Executive of the hospital "very pleased." She is considered one of Britain's leading orthopedic surgeons, and assisted in the replacement of the hip of the Queen Mother in 1995.

## TG TEACH TURNS "DOWN UNDER" UP SIDE DOWN

Tabloid newspapers and TV pounced on the story of male to female TG teacher Lee Oliver, who was forced into an office job away from the classrooms. The teacher was banned from teaching duties while the subject of disciplinary action. The action stemmed from her drama course at a secondary college. Parents took exception to her taking students to see a play that featured male nudity, and conducting drama workshops that involved teenage girls talking about loud orgasms. Some parents complained that she was "flaunting" her sex change. The teachers' union, in her behalf, suggested Oliver was removed because of her sex change treatment. The Education Department denies that being TG is at issue in hr relocation. One TV report showed students supporting Oliver and demanding her return to teaching.

## NY TG HATE CRIMES PROJECT

The Albany Gender Project has announced to the community the formation of a TG Hate Crimes Documentation Project for the State of New York as an outgrowth of an alleged October assault by a public employee on a TS woman in Albany, New York. Jennifer Wells, Coordinator of the Project, explains it will take complaints of all hate crimes, including abuse of authority by public employees directed against TG people in New York. The purpose of the project is threefold. It will provide a record of hate crimes against transgendered people in New York State. In the past this sort of activity, if recorded at all, has been traditionally combined with segments of the gay community. Second, the results will be tallied as support documentation in efforts to lobby at the state and national levels for the inclusion of "gender or perceived gender" language in discrimination, civil rights and other legislation. Third, and most importantly, it will provide a tool to investigate incidents, let the respondent reply, gather statistical information, draw conclusions, make proposals, educate, publicize, inform, and otherwise incite to action hesitant authorities. The procedure required lets the TGs who have been victimized know that they are not alone on the fringe, and at the mercy of the system. It helps them retain their dignity. Strategies and options are mapped out in advance between the complainant and the project office when possible. Confidentiality will be honored unless specifically released. For more information on the Hate Crimes Documentation Project, or, to request a complaint form, contact via e-mail: AlbGender@aol.com, phone: (518) 432-7092.

GID HELP OR HINDRANCE?

Continuing a series of protests, last November about 40 activists from a broad coalition of groups demonstrated outside the national offices of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) in Washington DC. Demonstrators protested the APA's continued use of Gender Identity Disorder (GID) as a mental illness, claiming it unfairly pathologizes gender-variant youth and transpeople. Only a few days earlier, a talk by Phyllis Burke, author of *Gender Shock*, a book which denounces the use of GID to pathologize children, was interrupted by 3 Transgender Nation protesters chanting "Keep Your Hands OFF Our Diagnoses." Acknowledging that some TG folk wish to retain GID to assure continued availability of professional services and protection from discrimination, a press release from the Transexual Menace nevertheless called for the end of GID by asking, "Is mental illness a sound foundation on which to build a national movement for gender rights?" The APA demo was organized as part of NGLTF's "Creating Change" conference, attended by more than 2,000 people. A new national organization, Colleagues, was launched, to work for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender rights in the workplace.

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# Research Projects

Being Conducted by Sheila Kirk, MD

## *The Adolescent Teenage Study*

Young males ages 12-19 years who crossdress could be candidates for a longitudinal study examining their transgender feelings and behavior. It is necessary that either a parent, guardian or counselor or both give permission for inclusion in the study for without express allowance nothing can be exchanged with that young person. In this study, Dr. Kirk makes inquiry into the life and habits, the goals and experiences, of this young person trying not to influence, but being available to advise patients and the professional when asked for information.

Every Transgendered person was a teenager and every one of us had the "burden" of being a crossdresser as well. If you know of a teenager who is able to participate in this valuable research project, please contact Dr. Kirk for more details.

## *Androderm Patch Study*

There is available a new mode of skin testosterone transfer therapy that needs study in Female-to-Male Transsexuals. Dr. Kirk will work with the participant's physician for information exchange once the F-M individual is on the patch. She will not, however, participate directly in the individual's care. A special protocol will be put in place and the individual should be prepared to cooperate with the procedures within it. No remuneration or free medication is offered. If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile study to assist in gathering important research data to aid the Female-to-Male population while benefiting from this new therapy, please contact Dr. Kirk.

## *Male-to-Female Postoperative Survey*

Sheila Kirk, M.D., has originated a detailed survey for Male-to-Female Transsexuals who are postoperative six months or more. The information sought is most important in order that both the professional community and the transsexual community learn about areas of experience in the life of the postoperative person—areas that heretofore have not been studied appropriately or to any extent. Medical reports will be meaningful because of this research. All post-operative M-F individuals are urged to contact Dr. Kirk for information with a willingness to participate.

## *A Call for Health Care Professionals*

To help improve the quality of transgendered care, Dr. Kirk maintains a nation-wide referral list of health care professionals (physicians—family practice, internists, endocrinologists; surgeons—in all specialties of surgical care; mental health providers—social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists) who demonstrate a high level of knowledge, expertise and commitment.

If you know of such a health care professional, please send their name and area of special care to Dr. Kirk. It is important that you get their permission for their referral.

Contact Dr. Kirk by mail, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope to participate in this project or with specific questions regarding your medical concerns.

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# There's a New Sheriff in Town:

## the TOPS Story

R. Scott Gerdes

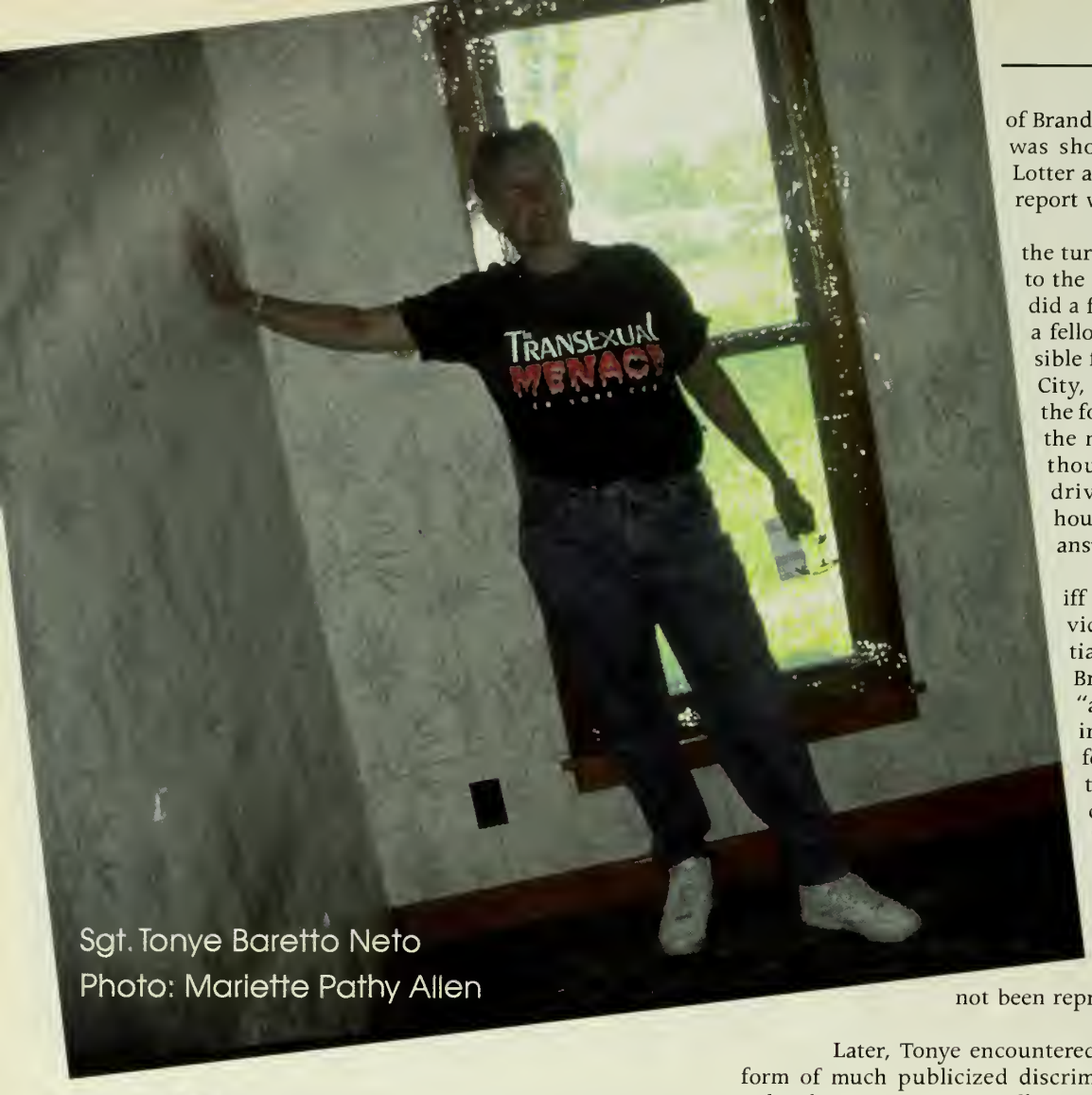
Just days before I interviewed Tampa Bay, Florida, Sheriff Tonye Barretto-Neto, founder of Transgender Officers Protect and Serve (TOPS), he and his squad car were run off a Florida highway. An unidentified vehicle forced Tonye's car into two 360s, with one happening in the middle of the road. His car went airborne and landed upside down on a fence in a homeowner's front lawn. His injuries resulted from having to release the seat-belt and then drop to the roof of the car in order to get out.

Over the last couple of years, in particular, our nation's transgender community has had to mourn the loss of one too many. Christian Paige was murdered in her Chicago apartment after returning home from a date. Tyra Hunter died while receiving emergency care as a paramedic stopped treatment upon discovering she had male genitalia. Gayle Phothisane was the victim of a serial killer in Minneapolis and in retaliation Brandon Teena, along with two friends, was brutally slain in a Nebraska farm house.

The news of each of these deaths quickly and noisily spread across the country, appearing on the Internet, in local gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender publications and in the "mainstream" media as well. In the Twin Cities, Minneapolis' largest circulation newspaper, the *Star Tribune*, ran three sensational stories about Gayle spanning over a week and a half. A suspect has been apprehended, but to date has not been charged. Brandon Teena's two killers were caught, put on trial, found guilty and sentenced to life terms. The killer of Christian is still living outside of guarded walls, and news of any reprimand demanded upon the medic who is so blatantly guilty of negligence regarding Tyra, is nowhere to be seen or heard.

Regardless of what trauma his body is going through, mention any of these victims' names to 50-year-old Sheriff Barretto-Neto and you'll hear the frustration, anger, sadness and purpose in his voice. He would tell you that crimes against the transgendered are very personal and violent for the perpetrator and that's just "fear" of the "unknown" in the mind of the criminal.

The sheriff of six years who has been on the force since 1987, would also tell you that those deaths could have been prevented, that most people who serve in emergency care roles—including police officers, firefighters, paramedics, military personnel and others—don't have adequate diversity training regarding the transgender population. Nor do TG people who are employed with emergency service agencies have an advocacy group within those agencies. But Tonye is out to remedy all that. Tonye is a post operative female-to-male transsexual and he's the *new* sheriff in town.



Sgt. Tonye Baretto Neto
Photo: Mariette Pathy Allen

In 1995, Tonye and Transexual Menace! founder Riki Ann Wilchins formed a posse, called TOPS. The birth of TOPS arose when Tonye went to Falls City, Nebraska. The small southeastern farming town, just inches from Kansas, is near the site of Brandon Teena's murder. Most TGs who converged on Falls City just wanted to create a visible presence and to hold a vigil in Brandon's memory. Tonye had other motives. Being a police officer himself, he wanted to know what local authorities were doing to catch the perpetrators and further, what were they doing to right their wrong.

The Falls City sheriff's wrongs included not arresting Brandon's killers, John Lotter and Marvin Nissen, after they had been picked up on an earlier rape complaint Brandon had filed. In that document, Brandon states he was raped at a Christmas party in 1994 by Lotter and Nissen. The report mentioned that Brandon was transgendered. According to information obtained by Tonye, the detective at the time (who is now the new Falls City sheriff) was told by the then sherriff to "let them go."

After reading transcripts of the sherrif's interview with Brandon, It became obvious to Tonye that the sherriff was less than willing to help a TG. "I was astonished at how demeaning that interview was," Tonye explained. In essence, the sheriff told Brandon that he "asked for it" by being TG. The sherriff supplied the local newspaper, the *Falls City Journal*, with a copy of Brandon's rape complaint. Brandon was shot and stabbed to death by Lotter and Nissen just days after the report was published in the *Journal*.

It was this murder that was the turning point for Tonye and led to the formation of TOPS. Not only did a fellow TG needlessly die, but a fellow police officer was responsible for that death. While in Falls City, Tonye attempted to contact the former sheriff and knocked on the man's door several times. Although there was a car in the driveway and lights on in the house, Tonye says, "He wouldn't answer the door."

The fact that the sheriff (who has since retired) provided the *Journal* with potentially violent ammunition for Brandon's rapers, who could, "appalled" Tonye. He found it inconceivable that a law enforcement agent could betray the trust of someone who came to him for protection. Tonye feels that the former sheriff is directly responsible for Brandon's death, "This person essentially got him killed. He's an accomplice and I'm shocked that he has not been reprimanded," Tonye states.

Later, Tonye encountered further TG injustice in the form of much publicized discrimination against New Jersey police lieutenant Janet Aiello, a post-operative M2F. "The shit hit the fan," Tonye says of Aiello, who had been denied promotions as a result of her gender change and was ordered to walk one of the most dangerous beats in the East Coast city.

During a phone conversation with Riki Anne Wilchins, Tonye commented that it was becoming quite obvious that TG police officers weren't being protected by the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) and if the PBA wouldn't step in, then Tonye would have to take the matter of protecting TG officers in his own hands. He had seen and heard enough.

Tonye came up with the acronym TOPS to promote and support the emotional, professional and legal needs of TG people who serve in emergency care professions. The idea crystallized because Tonye and Riki were tired of seeing people who wanted to come out or were outed being persecuted and losing their jobs.

Tonye felt that police officers must hold themselves accountable for how they treat all people, including the transgendered. "We needed some organization out there to protect these people," Tonye says with conviction. "Somebody has to be proactive in educating police."

The goal of TOPS is not to be adversarial, but rather to institute sensitivity training in every major police department across the country. Tonye hopes to teach other officers how to deal with TGs and also to teach TGs how to deal with police. "I want people to know that we're tired of being targets," Tonye says in his calm, almost paternal voice. "You can't just indiscriminately go out and beat up somebody and then kill them and expect to get away with it using the plea, 'Well, I didn't

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# As A Crossdresser: A Psycho-spiritual Initiation

Linda Marks, MSM

While movies and television shows have been presenting images about crossdressing more recently, few of us really understand what crossdressing is actually about for the people who crossdress. As a therapist whose work has focused on reclaiming our core sense of self and integrating our fragmented sub-personalities back into the whole of self, I have been deeply touched by the journeys and struggles of members of the "gender community" who have entered my office to do their inner work. This article focuses on the transformational process involved in claiming one's identity as a crossdresser—the coming out process.

## Developing An Identity As A Crossdresser

Niela Miller, a therapist who specializes in working with the gender community and author of *Counseling in Genderland*, identifies seven stages in crossdressing behavior and the development of a crossdressing identity:

Stage one takes place in childhood, seeing something or someone the crossdresser wishes to make parts of himself. The child might start by taking a pair of his mother's panties or nylons.

Stage two involves having a tactile response—feeling sensual, excited or comforted when wearing a woman's garment(s), be it a silk nightgown, blouse or underwear. The crossdresser acknowledges that these are stronger feelings than he experiences with other activities.

Stage three consists of forming a repetitive pattern in reality and/or in fantasy involving putting on the clothes.

Stage four takes place in puberty —discovering sexual feelings in connection with clothes. This can include fetishistic behavior (behavior which has at its roots, according to psychoanalytic theory, the substitution of an object for

a person). Miller comments, "This also can be at a time when sex and gender identity can be confused. Young crossdressers may be wondering whether they're gay (except they're usually not, in fact, attracted to boys). They may wonder what is going on. They even feel alone, confused and unable to get information about the way they feel."

Stage five involves visual imagery—seeing oneself and other women through photos, mirrors, in person and having excited, sometimes envious responses, with a high sense of narcissism.

Stage six is coming out. This often includes relational and social experience with the transgender culture and a loss of mainly erotic feelings associated with crossdressing.

Stage seven is spiritual and communal. Miller observes that having gone through "a whole period of self-involvement, and work on the self, their vision turns outward, and they want to be of use to society." Having experienced the inner marriage of masculine to feminine in himself, the crossdresser focuses on community service, which can include political activism for human rights, abolition of prejudices about other groups such as gays, blacks or disabled.

## Three Stories: Raphael, Eric & Tom

While crossdressers include both men and women, straight and gay, for the purpose of this article I interviewed three heterosexual men. Their ages range from 38 to 50. All three are married, professionally successful and would probably be indistinguishable from other people you know if you met them in their work environments. Their stories reflect the stages in identity development described by Niela Miller.

Because crossdressing still remains a vulnerable and perhaps reaction-provoking topic in the world at large, the crossdressers I interviewed preferred to remain anonymous. While they have come out to trusted others in their lives, it still is not safe enough for any of them to have their identities revealed in a general way. So, I have changed the names of the three men I interviewed so that we can all benefit from their stories. To preserve their confidentiality, the names I will give to them are Raphael, Eric and Tom.

*Raphael* is a 38-year-old high-tech industry professional. He has been married for 5 years. They are planning to have children in the near future. He first became aware that he had a desire to crossdress as early as age 10.

"I remember thinking, 'Wouldn't it be interesting or fun to put on some girls' clothes because the girls seem to have fun with them.' I knew it was not an accepted behavior, so I didn't discuss it with anyone. At 13, I experimented for the first time—trying something on. It was a really exciting experience for me. I had discovered something new.

"As I grew into adolescence, I discovered girls. My crossdressing desire seemed to fade away for a while. I did everything normal for a boy that age—played sports, got into typical high school fights. Crossdressing was totally out of my life until I was in college. Then the feelings started coming back. A woman I met was intrigued by it and encouraged me to crossdress. Crossdressing has always been an aspect of me. It has changed in intensity. It has changed my way of thinking about the world quite a bit."

*Eric* is 46, a teacher and a construction industry contractor who has been married for 15 years, with one child.

"The first time I crossdressed I was 4 or 5. It wasn't a conscious choice. It was just a part of me. I expressed it through trying on my sister's dresses and ballerina outfit in a playful way. It felt good and familiar. It felt right until I was caught. And then it wasn't right. Then it turned into shame—little boys don't do that. I got messages like 'What's wrong with you?' I remember going to my room and listening to my parents and relatives talk about 'it'—talking about me and me listening and thinking, 'They're never going to see me—they're never going to know, because I'm not going to submit myself to this.' In order to be loved, you can't be that way.

"From there on, if I had the urge, it was a very secretive thing. I became hypervigilant. I'd look and see what was okay. I learned how I needed to be and act to be okay so nobody would ever guess. Shame and guilt went hand in hand. And then fear. I proceeded through most of my early life doing that—hiding, sneaking. I'd stay home from school so I could put on my sister's clothes. I'd make sure everything was put back folded just the way it had been. It was the combination of feeling so good but feeling so bad for feeling that way. I didn't want to get killed again.

*Tom* is a 50-year-old Ivy League-educated man who has been so successful in the business world that he is financially independent. He has been married for 28 years and has two children who are 20. He has a mortgage, two dogs and a Chrysler van.

"I first became aware of my desire to crossdress as early as 6th or 7th grade. Initially it was a fetish, an attraction to women's clothing, in particular to stockings. It wasn't until I was 48 that I was really out of the house, out of the closet in full attire. The forces on men are so strong, that it's unsafe to look at this part of the self. Until you know you can get good grades, get into a good college, get married, have a nice house and a nice car, it's not safe to really face the crossdressing part.

"For me, all those achievement things were so strong. The need to reconcile the crossdressing part wasn't as strong. Only after the kids were in high school and I had been a professional success was it okay to address the other part of myself.

"It's a male thing to be macho, to fight this part, to be in the service. For me, it wasn't that intentional. I'm not sure when it changes from being a turn-on to being a gender issue—to being a different persona. I started to enjoy being feminine. It's fun, sensual—both tactile and visual—and relational.

"I was brought up in a household that expected you to do the right thing. I was something different. I was not aware of anything in the popular culture that at least acknowledged this. It's scary to be alone and different—especially with this mysterious thing that's sex-related. I didn't have anyone I could really talk to."

## Finding The Courage To Come Out

"In my professional life, it's a total secret. In my personal life, only my wife knows and a close-knit group of friends," notes Raphael. "With my wife, it was a very difficult experience for me. But, I actually told her about this aspect of myself before we got married. I had known her for three years. I thought it was fair for her to know this about me. I wanted her to totally know about me before she chose to marry me or not.

"I took a huge risk in telling her. She could have been totally turned off by this. I could have lost someone I loved. She was kind of skeptical and taken aback a little bit. She didn't really un-

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# Why Some CDs Should NOT Tell Their Wives About Crossdressing

Linda & Cynthia Phillips

We at the the Boulton & Park Society frequently get hot-line calls from middle-aged, deeply-closeted crossdressers. Typically, they feel the time has come when they must, at *any* cost, tell their wives of their long-hidden desires. Nowadays, these desires may include living full-time, eventual SRS, or other long-repressed feelings.

In years past, we worked with someone like this as best we could, mapping out strategy and making suggestions for maintaining the marriage. Usually we only talked to the budding CD, hardly ever to the wife or partner, who had no burning desire to talk to some weirdo who was going to try and convince her that it was in her best interests to see her husband in a dress.

Today, after almost ten years of working in the gender community with what has become the same all-too-familiar type male, we give him our best shot up front. "How's your relationship?" "Fine, great, in fact." "Good sex life?" "Oh yes, couldn't be better!" "How about the kids?" "Wonderful kids, they love me totally!" "Great, let us give you a tip, how long have you been married?" "Thirty five years this June!" "O.K. Wait another thirty five years and *THEN* tell her!"

Sound heartless? How heartless is it to tell a woman, after thirty five years of marriage, that you have withheld an important fact about yourself; that you have dressed as a woman in secret, on those "business" trips, those "fishing trips"? From long, sad experience, we are able to tell you that a revelation of this sort, deep into a relationship, is almost always the death knell for that relationship.

Does it have to be? Of course not, but that same mentality which kept the CD from telling his wife before marriage, is the same sort of mentality which will destroy the relationship.

Many CDs have been spoiled as children by their parents. They are selfish and demanding as adults. They want what they want when they want it.

Is there a way to succeed in keeping a relationship after "telling"? There is, but first the CD must realize it is all on HIS shoulders. After all, he is the crossdresser, HE is the one with the "problem." And it is not a problem of crossdressing, it is a problem of *deception*.

Few CDs understand why they do what they do. In spite of ongoing education by the gender community, in spite of repeated appearances on television by various members of the gender community, books coming out monthly on the subject of crossdressing, we still have CDs call us who are amazed that there are "others who do this"!

When he goes through the distasteful business of telling his wife of his crossdressing is where he makes mistake after mistake. What does he know of it all? He knows he likes, no, *loves,* to wear certain articles of women's clothing. Does he have a clue as to *why?* Does he ask another's advice? Of course not, he is a man, and a man is supposed to know how to handle this sort of thing! So it is as the blind leading the blind, and the poor wife has not a clue in this whole situation.

Most CDs are "married with children." The nature of women is that *once a wife becomes a mother,* her feelings are to place those children first in her thoughts and love. This is just the way things work in the human situation. Most CDs desire children in their relationship, which, unfortunately, is mistake number two; the first is not telling their wife about their crossdressing before the marriage. The mistake of a gender person having children makes the correction of the first mistake almost an impossibility.

When a woman becomes a mother, she wants the very best for her children, and in her mind her husband should join with her in seeing to it that that goal is accomplished. One of the largest number of men coming to us for help are the ones whose wives are pregnant or have very young children. He suddenly realizes he is being put in a number two position. Up until this time his wife might have treated him with a great deal of love and tenderness, which she now reserves for her new baby. All of a sudden those feelings of a desire the CD thought were long gone, resurface.

Is there hope for these situations? Only if the CD is willing to take complete responsibility for his own actions. After all, the wife is totally innocent in this case. We have seen many CDs attempt to force their wives to accept the crossdressing by making all sorts of threats, even physical ones. Are these the actions of someone trying to get in touch with their softer side?

Many men are reluctant to accept blame for their actions. CDs are no different in this respect. It matters not to a woman if her husband has "suffered" for years from his "non-fulfilled desires." She simply does not understand the nature of his desires, nor the irresistible urge he has to wear the clothes of the other gender.

Women always ask, "I can understand his wanting to reach his feminine side, and I really wish he would, but why does he have to wear a dress and high heels to do it?"

If the CD really desires a solid relationship with his wife, he must make it worth her while. She hardly waits in breathless anticipation for her husband to don hose and heels. To gain a measure of her understanding, the CD must *ACT* the part of that which he would be. What does she hate to do? Dishes, windows, floors, the dreaded toilet cleaning, the cooking? The smart CD takes over these chores, and more. He makes his transformation a blessing, not a chore for his wife. There is an old saying that, "No woman ever shot a man while he was doing housework." In our community, one could make the statement that it would take an unusual wife to deny crossdressing to her CD husband after he had cleaned the house and cooked dinner for her!

We will always remember the remark made by a wife when her husband asked her how he could get her excited by seeing him in a dress. Without missing a beat, his wife replied that *to see him cleaning the kitchen floor in a dress might really get her excited!*

The CD must also understand the fears of a wife involved in something she really doesn't want to be involved in. Her first and foremost fear is the one of homosexuality. This is something the majority of society simply believes is a fact. *Man in a dress equals gay male.* The CD's wife thinks, "Why would he dress as a woman if he didn't wish to attract another man?" This fear is probably the easiest to overcome for a couple who are *really* in love. If the wife knows anything about homosexuality, she will understand her husband is *not* gay. Again, it is up to the husband to educate his wife; women rarely know anything about male homosexuality, and usually have no desire to learn. The husband will have to teach his wife about all this before she can begin to understand that gender and sexual orientation are different.

When a wife begins to learn about gender issues, the specter of *Transsexualism* will raise its head. One of the most frightening things a woman can conceive of is her husband changing his sex. While we know this seldom happens, other things may occur. The trend for a CD to go "full time" and live as a woman has mushroomed in the last few years. This is almost as scary to a wife as sex reassignment surgery. Few women are secure enough to live with a man who appears as a woman in society. Again, in our world we fail to teach women self-esteem or self-reliance. Many women marry in order to have a "protector," someone who will run interference for them. What are they to do when this man becomes another woman, either through surgery or through choice of gender roles?

Many women dislike and distrust other women, seeing them as competition. Some CDs indeed *DO* like to compete with their wives. This is a big mistake, and will lead nowhere except down the path to divorce. Then there is the specter of lesbianism, which will invariably arise if the relationship embraces the husband's crossdressing in the bedroom. Most women are as woefully ignorant of lesbian practices and desires as they are of male homosexuality. Again, the husband has to calm his wife's fears over this very important issue. Heterosexual women fear being thought of as lesbian, just as heterosexual men fear being thought of as gay. We often fear that which we do not understand.

In referring to our own almost forty-year marriage, pointing out how successful such a relationship can be, we almost always hear the same remark from the wife of the CD, "But I don't want to be married to another woman!" Many women admire this sort of relationship which has endured all the problems of a transgendered relationship, and they will admit that they would like to be involved with a person who agreed with them, and worked toward a common goal, BUT that person needs to be male in appearance!

To change this feeling within a middle-aged woman is a very difficult thing. Few men have either the patience or the desire to work with their wives to accomplish understanding. In the male way, they want understanding NOW!

When we hear from this sort of CD, our advice to him is to keep his wife in the dark as to his activities, as he has always done. This is hardly what he wants to hear. However, in order to preserve the relationship, this is his best course.

*The CD,* as one of our favorite gender writers has said, *has not paid up front, so he must pay a much larger amount in arrears.* Patience is a virtue few men are possessed of, but in situations such as this, patience is not only of the essence, it is a necessity. The wife has to have a large measure of self-esteem in order to even begin to adjust to these strange desires of her partner. Indeed, it may be beneficial to the wife to talk to a good therapist, one who is versed in building self-esteem in women. Only when the wife or partner has a feeling of self-confidence, will we be able to address the problem of the crossdressing.

There is no guarantee that once the wife has come to understand her own fears and overcome possible low self-esteem, she will come to grips with her husband's peccadilloes. As a matter of fact, we have known women who decided they no longer needed *ANY* husband to make it through life!

We will always have the wife who insists on being the person who does all the cooking, cleaning, etc. She does

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# Edward D. Wood, Jr.

## Crossdressing Director

# The Myth and the Man

Jean Marie Stine

The much-heralded release of director Tim Burton's movie biography of maverick filmmaker Edward D. Wood, Jr. focused a media blitz of publicity on Wood and his distinctive body of work. Journalists from hundreds of publications like the *New York Times, People, Newsweek, Movieline, Premiere, American Film,* film fan "guerrilla" magazines such as *Film Threat, Psychotronic, Filmfax, Fangoria,* and *Cult Movies* rushed in to research and report on virtually every aspect of Ed Wood's life and career. Yet, despite all their efforts and resources, the mainstream media, failed to uncover the truth about a number of key ingredients in the mythos of the man voted "Worst Director of All Time" for such howlers *as Glen or Glenda?, Plan Nine from Outer Space* and *Bride of the Monster.*

For, inept as he was as filmmaker (philosopher M. J. Kelar and esthetician J. Hoberman call him an "anti-genius") and as a human being (alcoholic, conman, cheat), Edward D. Wood, Jr. was a supreme success at one thing—and perhaps one thing only. Ed was a master "fabulator" (to use Mark Twain's term), an utterly accomplished and mesmerically golden-tongued spinner of his own life story—as he wished it had been and wanted it to be remembered. In the course of his lifetime, Ed told many whoppers about his early years and his short-comings as a filmmaker, and told them so convincingly that even his closest friends (who certainly ought to have known better, considering their own experience of his veracitude), bought them "hook, like and sinker" and have repeated them as gospel to the generations of interviewers and reporters who have besieged Wood's clique since his death.

Strange as it may seem, even venerable *Time* magazine accepted wholesale such patently dubious claims as, "A Marine during World War II, he made beach landings wearing bra and panties under his uniform. Demobbed, he played a half man-half woman in a carnival before arriving in Hollywood." While the *Washington Post* informed readers, "He was missing a couple of teeth, which...a Japanese soldier had knocked out driving Wood to kill him. ...his youth involved stints as a carnival geek and as an undercover agent cleaning foreign spies from the ranks of the Ice Capades." Even Wood's biographer, the indefatiguable

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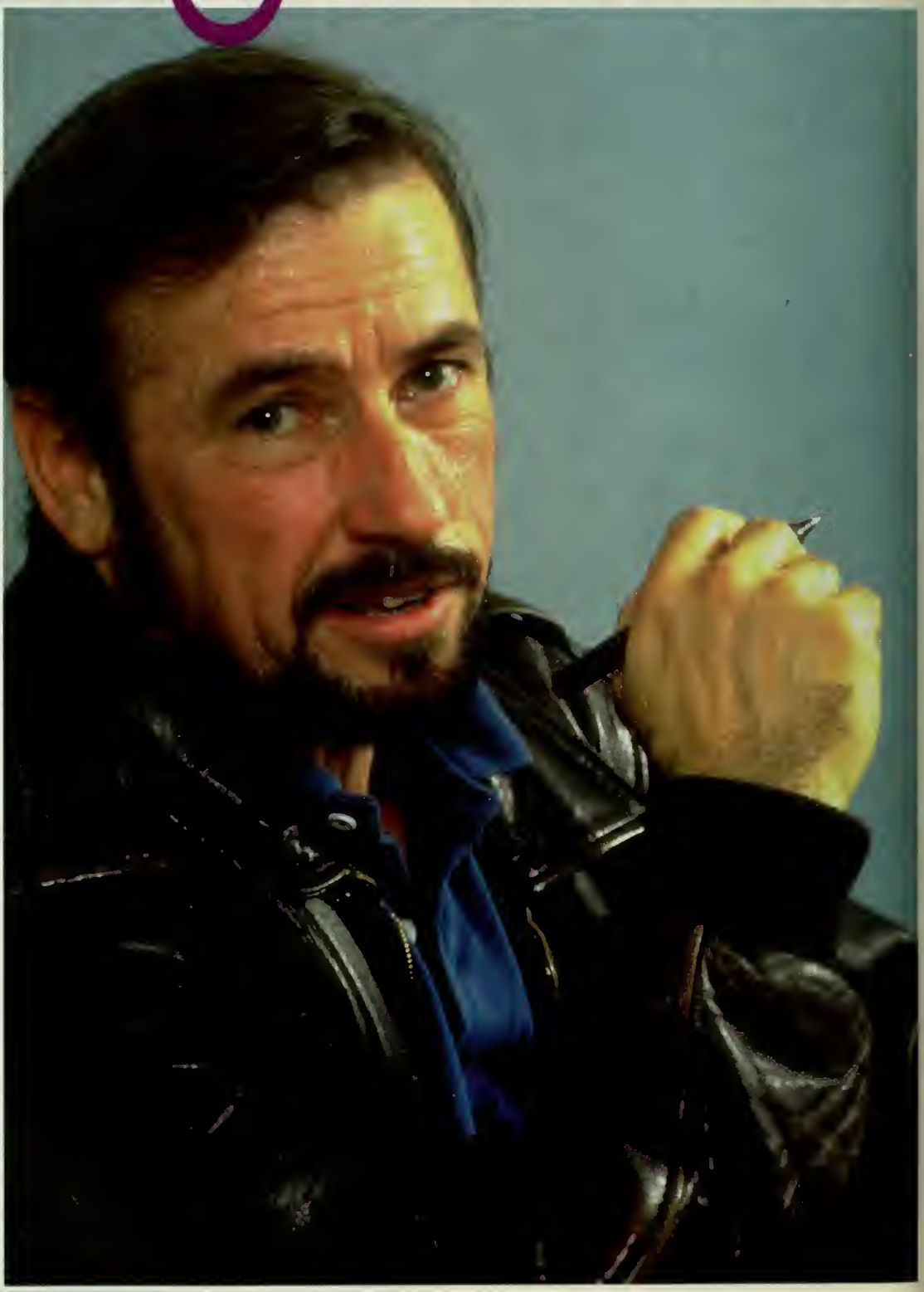
Ed Wood, with cohort and sometime actor, Ted Brooks outside the RKO studios circa 1954.

# Transgender

Mariette
Pathy Allen

I've worked as a still photographer on two documentary movies on transgendered people: In 1984 the actress and director Lee Grant made *What Sex Am I?* for HBO and this year the German director Rosa Von Praunheim created *The Transexual Menace* for German and French television with a longer version as a feature film. My experiences on these two shoots were very different, and perhaps symbolic of how attitudes are changing Lee worked with a whole entourage: researchers, writers, her husband, the producer, a cinematographer, and an audio technician. There was a strong Hollywood feeling to the scene, tense, stylish, full of intrigue. Visiting Christine Jorgenson was one of the highlights of the experience for me, even though I was struck by how similar Lee and Christine were in their Hollywood reminiscences and behavior. In the somewhat encyclopedic form this film took, I was disturbed by what I perceived as an anti-crossdresser bias. I felt that everyone on the set felt more empathy towards transsexuals, and that Lee herself was happiest at the hooker bar, which really was a lot of fun then, with little thought of the impending tragedy that awaited most of those people. Working with Rosa (Rosa means pink in German; the Nazis marked homosexuals with a pink triangle; Rosa is a gay activist filmmaker and writer.) was completely different: no entourage, only Rosa, the



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cameraman, and sometimes a sound person. It was relaxed, quite spontaneous. Rosa was so in love with what he was witnessing, that he shot almost enough footage for two movies. He tended to collaborate with the people in the film and include himself as narrator and sometimes participant. In his editing, Rosa down-played or removed what didn't feel right, such as exaggerations, or awkward moments. The first film focuses on political activism and transsexuals, both F2M and M2F, with some footage on Southern Comfort and Fantasia Fair. The second will continue to depict transsexuals, but will focus on crossdressers, families, and drag artists. If there is additional funding, we'll continue the shoot this summer. Rosa is apt to continue his love affair with the community, and yet another film could evolve. One of my favorite experiences working on the *Transexual Menace* film was when we were on the bus ride to Washington on Transgender Lobby Day. Rosa, the lobbyists, the other passengers on the bus, we were all for that moment part of each other's world, part of an adventure with no predictable outcome.

A very moving and dramatic new image of the transgendered community evolves from its greater self-acceptance in the most direct way. It involves the willingness to look at the body itself, in a non-pornographic manner. Because many people found the community first through dirty bookstores, there is an obvious need to get away from the idea that transgender behavior is dirty and that the body itself is unacceptable without surgery, or hormones, or electrolysis, in other words, transformed in

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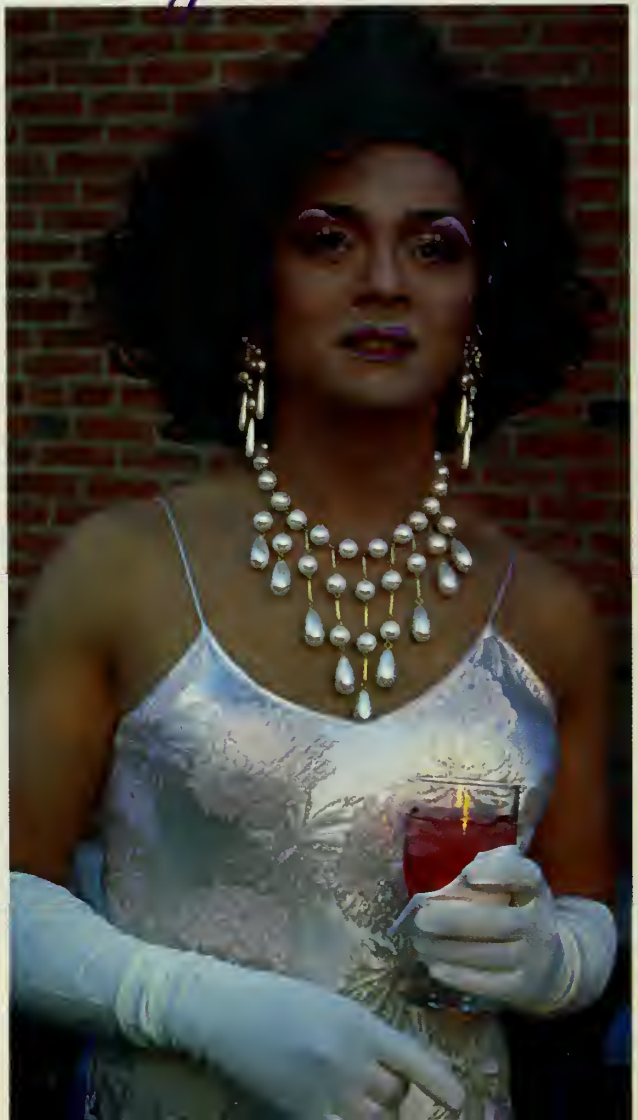

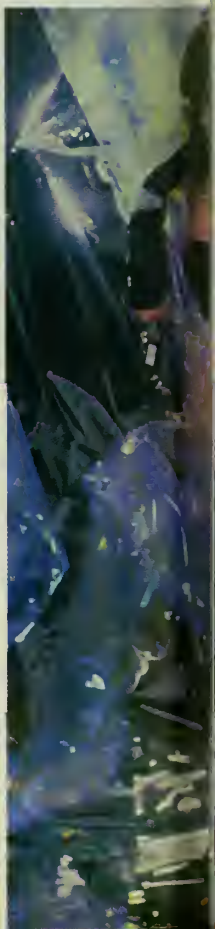

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# COMING OUT

## THE BIG QUESTION

"How much am I going to lose?"

That was one of the many pressing questions on my mind in the months prior to going "full time" as a woman on the job. I am a Certified Public Accountant, have my own accounting office and employ three people. I have since discovered that being self-employed is a DEFINITE advantage for a gender change. It also makes for never-a-dull-moment in the work place, as clients slowly discover the "new image" one by one.

## THE ANSWER

Time will tell.

My worst-case scenario was that if 15-20% of the business went "Bye Bye," I would still be OK (ouch). If it was worse, I could lay off staff and still be able to pay my bills. As it turned out, the support that I got from my customer base was truly amazing. It is working out so much better than I ever expected. I have about 50 business customers and 250 income tax customers. So far, two months into the "change," I have not lost ANY business accounts. I have even picked up three new business accounts in the past month. There are a handful of my business customers who are outright enthusiastic, my "fans." And there are a few who are uncomfortable, but are trying hard to accept it because they like my work. Some may end up leaving in the long run.

I have gotten nice cards and letters from approximately a dozen tax customers who took the time to write. There has been only one unsigned "gripe" letter. But even the religious and the elderly are expressing support. Amazing! Maybe Geraldo has done some good after all.

People's #1 comment is that I am a good accountant and they like my work. Hopefully, the ratio of people writing notes (twelve good to one bad) will be representative of the sentiments of all the rest of the tax clients. The answer won't be truly apparent until I see how many tax clients return next tax time.

## HOW I DID IT

I had always had a typical conservative CPA boring male image. I decided in the Summer of '95 that the "long-hair look" would be a good "image shattering" prelude to the big news. So I began to grow my hair out in October. By April it was nearly touching my shoulders. That alone was quite an hysterical experience. Every tax customer except for 3 or 4 pointed at my hair and said, "Look at your hair!" I broke the ice with the others that did not comment (I figured they wanted to comment but were just being polite!) and asked, "So what do you think of the long-hair look?"

My therapist, Jayne Thomas, strongly suggested that news of this nature is best conveyed in person. So, where I had the time or a "good feeling" about a client, I ended up telling about 100 of the 250 tax clients in person after preparing their tax returns for the year. The rest would have to be told later by letter as my clients only see me once a year. I was hoping that the monthly contact with my business accounts would serve to make them closer to me and less likely to leave.

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# Transitioning Successfully On The Job

# Spouses and Significant Others

Peggy Rudd, Ed.D.

# PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE SEAS

The open hand holds more love than the closed fist. We all know this, but when transgendered behavior is introduced within a marriage or a committed relationship, most of us are inclined to fight back. Recently I met a group of women who chose to open their hearts to love rather than to retaliation. The demonstration of their love had a far-reaching effect, not only to themselves and their relationships, but to 1400 other people who were to observe these women's unconditional lov in action during the days to follow.

It all began when these women joined their husbands on the Seventh Annual DIGNITY CRUISE to Bermuda in September. Each woman felt her husband deserved an opportunity to enjoy fine dining, pampered service, sightseeing and shopping while fully dressed as a woman. Each wife knew the emotional pleasure their husband would experience when pictures were made with the captain of a luxury cruise ship, when waiters in tuxedos helped with her chair, and when the doormen called her, "Lady." Each woman knew the potential enrichment for their own relationship. What they did not expect was the wave of acceptance from the other passengers on board, and the most tremendous outreach opportunity of their lives.

I believe we began to be noticed soon after Carol, Babs, Jody and Char bought a horse to be entered in the races later in the week. I use the word "horse" loosely, since she was only a stick pony without even a hint of a costume. Very soon the pony had a name, PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE SEAS, which she wore proudly wherever she went, and she went EVERYWHERE! Very soon thereafter she also had a costume, and what a costume it was! Everyone noticed the glamorous horse with long, brunette hair, the red shoes with four-inch heels attached to wooden legs by ankle straps, and a pair of sunshades to protect her delicate eyes. Carol made sure Priscilla got to dinner just late enough to be seen by all. Some would say Priscilla was usually "fashionably late."

The waiters really got into the spirit of Priscilla. I heard one waiter whisper, "By golly, if a horse can wear a wig and sun shades, I can too!" He transcended an initial shyness, and came boldly to our tables. "Could I try on Priscilla's wig?" Permission was granted, despite the fact that Priscilla seemed a bit annoyed. Some even swear they heard a faint, "NEIGH" translated "NO!" in English. The waiter took the wig anyway and smiled broadly as he served our food, long dark hair flowing. We never knew if the waiter was among the 10% of men who have an interest in exploring the feminine, thought the idea was a funny joke, or actually wanted to participate in the camaraderie he had observed at our tables.

By then, the positive mood had begun to spread. Several other waiters came to our tables and asked, "How many wigs can you round up for the wait staff?" As you might expect, there were several available, so the next night the passengers experienced the parade of Baked Alaska carried by waiters with beautiful hair. Most managed to keep the hair away from the flames!

Meanwhile, at the other end of the dining room, there were two other groups: the staff from a dental office and a golf team. The two groups began to affectionately call us "the group having all the fun." They also noticed that we were the group bonded by a rare form of unconditional love!

The next day the golf team was searching frantically for us. They had an urgent request, and time was running out! It seems one of the wives in the dental group had a birthday the next day. Her husband mused, "What if I dress as a woman and surprise her? What better gift could I give her? She will see that I am not afraid to express my softer side." He didn't expect what happened next! When he was half way between a masculine and a feminine persona, a second member of the group asked to have a transformation also.

The mood was set, and the plans were made. Just a few minutes after dinner began the two men entered the room, each dressed to the nines, both wearing broad smiles, and one carrying a beautiful birthday cake with an undisclosed number of

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# Skin

## Electrolysis: Part 2

Linda J. DeFruscio, R.E., R.I., P.M.E.

# HOW BEARDS AND HAIR ARE REMOVED

*I hear there are several methods of performing electrolysis. Can yu describe them and tell me how to determine which is best for me?*

The three methods are galvanic electrolysis, thermolysis and the blend.

Galvanic electrolysis involves the use of single or multiple needles. A direct current is passed down the needle into the hair follicle, where the action of the current causes the salt water fluid (sodium chloride-NaCl) and water ($H_20$) in the hair follicle and surrounding tissues to break up into component parts and reform into lye (sodium hydroxide-NaOH) and hydrogen gas ($H_2$). While the hydrogen escapes from the follicle, the lye remains and, being caustic, it destroys the growing cells of the hair root. In science, electrolysis is the term to describe a chemical's decomposition into ions by the passage of an electric current through the chemical solution. Galvanic electrolysis is a most certain method of permanent hair removal, but it is slow and can take a minute or more for each hair. The multiple needle galvanic method is much more rapid because it utilizes up to 16 needles simultaneously.

Thermolysis, also known as short wave, involves the passage of high frequency current down the needle, producing heat in the tissue, destroying the hair root. Thermolysis is much faster than galvanic electrolysis, taking only a few seconds per hair. However, thermolysis is not as certain in its destructive action as galvanic or the blend. Thermolysis has less effect on distorted follicles or on individuals with severely curved hair follicles. I find that insulated probes (lB) provide the most benefit for the challenges of these hairs. This method is popularly used in Massachusetts.

The blend method combines galvanic and thermolysis to permanently remove hair. In the blend, thermolysis heats up the sodium hydroxide produced by galvanic electrolysis, making the procedure more effective than galvanic electrolysis alone. Computerized machines are capable of more consistent electrolysis and are highly recommended.

I use computerized epilator machines that use thermolysis and the blend. I have had much success with thermolysis alone. The skilled practitioner who performs electrolysis on you makes the difference in the success of your treatments no matter which of the three methods are decided upon. There is no research data however to confirm this.

*What about the new laser technique, and what is its potential for actually destroying hair follicles?*

Laser epilation seems to be the hot topic in electrolysis today. Lasers are not new to electrolysis. A laser is simply an electrical apparatus which produces light. Laser light is different from the light we encounter every day in two special ways. The first, is that laser light is monochromatic. this means that it has only one color, unlike white light, which is composed of all colors. The second is that laser light is coherent. If we define light as electromagnetic radiant energy which produces a visual effect, light is basically a vibrating electromagnetic field. The term coherent means that all the vibrations are in the exact same direction and not in all directions, thereby causing the perfect beam of light. Laser produces heat similar to our thermolysis or short wave electrolysis. Laser heat is dependent solely on what tissue absorbs the particular light. There are essentially three substances which can absorb the light energy and be heated up: water (found in all tissue), blood and melanin. The type of laser being developed to destroy hair shines light from the surface of the skin down along the hair follicle to the root. It is said to be very difficult to accurately and repeatedly hit the dermal papilla (root), which is only one to several thousandths of an inch in diameter. In most cases, the laser ends up destroying significant amounts of tissue all

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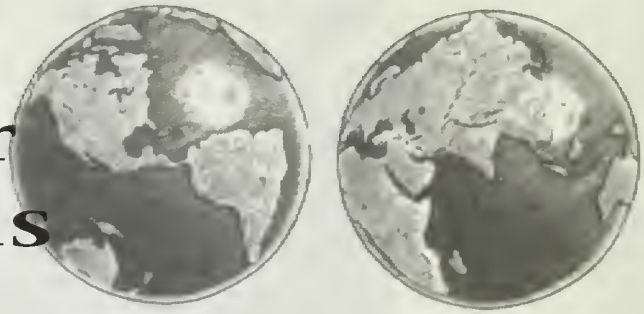

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**All listings are sorted by zip code.**

**All groups are non-profit and non-sexual in nature unless otherwise noted. All information shared is confidential.**

| Key | |
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| OPEN TO ALL CROSSDRESSERS | (CD)TV |
| TRI-ESS - HETEROSEXUAL CDs & Family | TRI-S |
| OPEN TO ALL TRANSSEXUALS | TS |
| FEMALE TO MALE TRANSSEXUALS ONLY | FTM |
| SIGNIFICANT OTHERS' SUPPORT | SO |

## Support Groups & Helping Professionals

### INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL

FTM - AMERICAN BOYZ: Gary (410)392-3640. E-mail: f2m-admin@tantalus.clark.net.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL GENDER INFORMATION SERVICE, Inc.: AEGIS, PO Box 33724, Decatur GA 30033-0724. Ms. Dallas Denny, MA, Licensed Psychological Examiner (TN). (404)939-0244 helpline, FAX (404)939-1770 E-mail: aegis@mindspring.com. Educational, mental health services and support group.

FEMALE-TO-MALE INTERNATIONAL: FTM, 5337 College Avenue, #142, Oakland CA 94618. Education, outreach.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRANSGENDER LAW AND EMPLOYMENT POLICY: PO Box 35477, Houston TX 77235-5477. Annual conference on transgender legal and policy issues.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION: IFGE, Box 229, Waltham MA 02154-0229. (617)894-8340 FAX (617)899-5703. E-mail: ifge@world.std.com. Education, outreach.

DEAF/HARD OF HEARING/SI - JESS: (202)547-9524 (tdd only). E-mail: 11mtanzar@gallua.gallaudet.edu.

NATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN TASK FORCE: 2320 17th Street, NW, Washington DC 20009-2702. (202)332-6483 extension 3301, FAX (202)332-0207, TTY (202)332-6219. It is impossible to list all the gay and lesbian support groups. Write NGLTF for a referral to someone near you.

OUTREACH INSTITUTE OF GENDER STUDIES: OIGS, 126 Western Ave, Suite 246, Augusta ME 04330. Ariadne Kane, MEd, Director (207)621-0858. Programs for professionals.

RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: 987 Old Eagle School Rd., #719, Wayne PA 19087. (610)975-9119 (24 hrs). Email: angela@ren.org. Educational outreach and support group.

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF (TRI-ESS): PO Box 194, Tulare CA 93275. Email: TRISINFO@AOL.COM Educational outreach and support group for heterosexual crossdressers. Write for referral to local chapter.

SPOUSES/PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE for EDUCATION: SPICE, c/o P. Rudd, PO Box 5304, Katy TX 77491. Annual conference for partners of gender-gifted males.

TRANNSEXUALS IN PRISON: c/o Roni Lynne Soubrette, 104 Quineveree Ct., Castle Rock WA 09611. Support group.

# LOCAL

## MASSACHUSETTS
**(010-027)**

CD/TS/SO - **SUNSHINE CLUB:** PO Box 564, Hadley MA 01035-0564. Support group. (413)-584-1487. E-mail: ae907@yfn.ysu.edu, an3131@anon.penet.fi

TS-FTM/SO - **EAST COAST FEMALE-TO-MALE GROUP:** PO Box 60585, Florence Station, Northampton MA 01060. Support group.

**JOSEFINA A. SPECKERT, MEd:** 100 Wendell Avenue, Suite #302, Pittsfield MA 01201. Psychotherapist. (413)499-5858.

CD/TS - **BERKSHIRE ALTERNATIVES:** PO Box 508, North Adams MA 01247. Support group.

CD/TS - **THE MYRIAD NETWORK:** PO Box 288, Williamstown MA 01267. Support group.

TS - **ASSET (After Surgery Support for Transsexuals):** ASSET, PO Box 3121, Greenfield MA 01302. Email: asset@crocker.com. Support group.

**PEOPLE SYSTEMS POTENTIAL:** Niela Miller, MS, LCSW, PO Box 132, Nagog Woods MA 01718. (508)264-4565. Supervision for mental health professionals. Non-insurance counseling.

**THE CONSULTANCY FOR CHANGE:** Clyde Hilburn, MSW Candidate, PO Box 191, Ashland MA 01721. (508)435-6656. Psychotherapist.

**NEW HORIZONS COUNSELING:** Roger N. Millen, PhD, 9B South Commons, Lincoln MA 01773-1114. (617)259-1617. Psychotherapist.

**DIANE ELLABORN, LICSW, NASW,** Diplomate in Clinical Social Work: 187 East Commonwealth Road, Wayland MA 01778. (508)653-0107. FAX (508)788-7761 Psychotherapist.

TS - **MERISSA'S SUPPORT GROUP:** (508)358-5919. Support Group. First Sunday of month, 6-10pm in Wayland, Massachusetts.

CD/TS/SO - **TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.:** TCNE, PO Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483. (617)891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm ET). Support group.

SO - **TIFFANY CLUB WIVES' SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o TCNE, Inc., PO Box 2283, Woburn MA 01888-0483. (617)891-9325 (answered live Tuesdays 7:00-10:00pm ET). Support group.

CD/TS - **REFLECTIONS:** PO Box 4002, East Dedham MA 02026. (617)323-6528. Support group and other services.

TS/TG - **GENDER SUPPORT SERVICES FOR TSs (GISST):** (617)227-6216. Support group for TS/TGs with addiction issues. Meets in Boston.

FTM - **ENTERPRISE:** PO Box 629, Jamaica Plain MA 02130. (617)983-3264. FTM support group.

**ELKE U. O'DONNELL, PhD:** 43 Roberts Road, Cambridge MA 02138. (617)441-9300. Psychotherapist.

**THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES:** Ari Kane, MEd, Gender Specialist, PO Box 390861, Cambridge MA 02139. (617)868-3157 Psychotherapist.

**SOCIETY OF CROSSDRESSING HARDWARE ENGINEERS:** SCHE, 276 Pearl Street, L, Cambridge MA 02139.

F2M - **THE OFFICERS' CLUB:** 123 Moody St., Waltham MA 02154. (617) 683-1095. Support group.

**CHRISTINE BECKER, LICSW, BCD:** 341 Marrett Road, (Rt 2A)Lexington MA 02173. (617)862-6170. Psychotherapist.

TS - **GETTING REAL:** PO Box 194, West Newton MA 02165. Support group.

**DENNIS PEARNE, EdD:** Consultations: 9 Alexander Ave, Belmont Ctr., Mailing: 133 Grove St, Watertown MA 02172. (617)484-0013. Psychologist.

CD/TS/SO - **AXA:** PO Box 38-0547, Cambridge MA 02238. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **INNVESTMENTS:** PO Box 2194, Orleans MA 02653. Support group.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE
**(030-038)**

**WRITERS ETC.:** c/o Abby M. Greene, PO Box 6211, West Franklin NH 03235. (603) 934-3379. Support group.

**NANCY STRAPKO, PhD:** PO Box 157, Plymouth NH 03264. (603)536-1306. Psychotherapist.

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER TALK NORTH:** PO Box 211, Keene NH 03431. (603)924-8828. Support group.

**CHESHIRE COUNSELING:** 104 Cross St., Keene NH 03431. Ken DeVoid, EdD. (603)357-5544. Psychotherapist.

G/L/Bi./T - **SEACOAST OUTRIGHT:** PO Box 842, Portsmouth NH 03802. Phone: (603)639-6095. Resource, referral, support.

## MAINE
**(038-047)**

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSUPPORT:** Box 17622, Portland ME 04112. Support group.

**OUTREACH INSTITUTE OF GENDER STUDIES:** 405 Western Avenue, #345, Portland ME 04330. (205)775-0858. Education, referrals, outreach.

MAINE GENDER RESOURCE AND SUPPORT SERVICE: c/o Jean Churchill, PO Box 1894, Bangor ME 04402-1894. (207)945-3092. Education, referrals, outreach.

CD/TS/SO - ALL MAINE TRANSGENDER: AMT, PO Box 145, Brewer ME 04412. (207)947-1686. Support group.

## VERMONT
(050-059)

CD/TS - VERMONT TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP: For information leave message at (802)860-8430. Support group.

## CONNECTICUT
(060-069)

W. RILEY SNOW, MD: 1001 Farmington Ave, Suite 302, Bristol CT 06010. (203)582-1178. Psychiatrist.

CD/TS/SO - CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY: COS, PO Box 163, Farmington CT 06034. (203)657-4344. Support group.

TS GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: 68 Adelaide Road, Manchester CT 06040. Clinton R. Jones, Director, (203)646-8651. Medical and psychological services.

TS/SO - XX (TWENTY)CLUB: PO Box 387, Hartford CT 06141-0387. Support group.

TS/SO - IMAGES: PO Box 666, Thompson CT 06241-0666. (203)779-9708 voice and FAX. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - P I GROUP: PO Box 245, Haddam CT 06438-0245. Discreet photo, video, scanning and desktop publishing services.

CD - connecticuTView: PO Box 2281, Devon CT 06460. Email: Mason D@aol.com. Newsletter and directory.

## NEW JERSEY
(070-088)

TRI-S - SIGMA NU RHO: SNR, Box 1092 St. Georges Avenue, Box 234, Rahway NJ 07065-2664. 24-hour hotline (800)480-3152. Support group.

CD/TS - JUMPSTART CABLE: PO Box 622, Paramus NJ 07653. Support group.

TRI-S - CHI DELTA MU: PO Box 1, River Edge NJ 07661-0001. (201)439-9618. Support group. Internet: cdm@carroll.com

CD/TS/SO - MONMOUTH/OCEAN TRANS-GENDER: PO Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701. (908)219-9094. Support group.

CD/SO - EAST COAST COUPLES NETWORK: ECCN, c/o MOG, PO Box 8243, Red Bank NJ 07701. Support group.

CD/TS - NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: c/o Ms. Lynda Frank, PO Box 9192, Morristown NJ 07960. (201)663-0772. Support group.

CD/TS - SOUTH JERSEY/SHORE AREA CHAPTER: Renaissance SJ, PO Box 189, Mays Landing NJ 08330. (800)480-3152. Support group.

CD/TS - NEW JERSEY TG SUPPORT GROUP: NJTG, c/o T. Risley, 301 F. Sawnders Ave., Bellmawr NJ 08031. Renaissance affiliate. (609)933-2233.

## NEW YORK
(090-149)

CD/TS/SO - CDI/NY: c/o Fem Fashions, 9 W. 31st St, Suite 7R, New York NY 10001. (212)570-7389. Support group.

CD/TS - TRANSGENDER RIGHTS! (TGR): (212)979-8547. Political action group.

CD/TS/SO - IMPERIAL QUEENS & KINGS OF NY, LI, NJ, CT & PA: 80 Eighth Avenue, Suite 301, New York NY 10011. (212)229-1968 days, (212)627-1969 evenings. Open social group.

TS - GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT: Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 West 13th Street, New York NY 10011. (212)620-7310. Support group.

CD/TS - METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK: 561 Hudson St, PO Box 45, New York NY 10014. (201)794-1665 ext. 332, (718)461-9050. Support group.

BI-GENDER SELF-HELP GROUP: meets 2nd Monday each month, 6-8 pm in lower Manhattan. Contact: Lynda Frank, (212)765-3561.

TS - THE F2M FRATERNITY: PO Box 509, Lenox Hill Station, New York NY 10021. (908)298-8797 Marty Kincaid, or (212) 570-1260 Kit Rachlin. Support group.

EDWARD S. CHESLOW, MD: 107 West 82nd Street, New York NY 10024. (212)362-0449. Internal Medicine, Board Certified.

CD/TS - EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY: Box 2783, Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163. (212)388-7022. B&D-oriented support group.

TS - METAMORPHOSIS: PO Box 6260, Broadway Station, Long Island City NY 11106-0260. (718)728-4615. Support group. Psychotherapist.

CD/TS/SO - GIRLS' NIGHT OUT: G.N.O., c/o Barbara Fortune, PO Box 350369, Brooklyn NY 11235-0007. (201)794-1665, ext 2021. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - NEW YORK GIRL & PARTNER: PO Box 456, Centereach NY 11720. (516)732-5115. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - HEMPSTEAD HOTLINE: (516)485-6400.

CD/TS/SO - HUNTINGTON HOTLINE: (516)549-8700.

CD/TS/SO - MIDDLE EARTH HOTLINE: (516)679-1111.

CD/TS/SO - LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION: LIFE, PO Box 3015, Lake Ronkonkoma NY 11779-0417. (516)471-6037. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB: TGIC, PO Box 13604, Albany NY 12212-3604. (518)436-4513 live Thurs. 7-9 p.m. or leave a message and instructions for calling back. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER NETWORK:** PO Box 1611, South Rd Annex, Poughkeepsie NY 12601-0611. Support group.

TRI-S - **LAMBDA CHI LAMBDA :** PO Box 1010, Cooperstown NY 13326. (607)547-4118. Email: StuComOne@aol.com Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TG SOCIETY OF NORTHERN NY:** 26646 Smith Road, Dexter NY 13634. (315)649-5534. Support group.

TS - **BUFFALO TRANSITION SUPPORT:** c/o Vicki, PO Box 320, Buffalo NY 14220. (716)629-5421 (leave number, caller will say they received message). Formerly Crossroads of Buffalo.

TRI-S - **NU PHI CHI-BUFFALO BELLES:** P.O. Box 1701, Amherst NY 14226-1701. (716)643-2626. Support group.

**LAWRENCE KRIEGER, ATTORNEY:** 1 E. Main St., Suite #400, Rochester NY 14614. (800)719-3260, (716)325-2640, FAX (716)325-2646. Gender-friendly law office. Free 1/2 hr consult readers *Transgender Tapestry*.

CD/TS/SO - **ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK:** PO Box 92055, Rochester NY 14692. (716)251-2132. Support group.

## PENNSYLVANIA
**(150-196)**

TS - **TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** TSG, 6020 Penn Circle South, Pittsburgh PA 15206. (412)661-7030. Support group.

**PERSAD CENTER, INC.:** 5100 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15224-1616. Randal G. Forrester, James Huggins. (412)441-0857. Mental health services.

FTM - **PITBOYZ:** Dan & Michelle. E-mail: windyl@aabe.com.

CD/TS - **TRANSPITT:** PO Box 3214, Pittsburgh PA 15230. (412)224-6015. Support group.

CD - **TRAVELERS EXPRESS:** PO Box 150, Falls Creek PA 15840. (814)375-7651. Support group.

FAMILY - **TRANSFAMILY:** c/o Deni Scott, 962 Rockdale Road, Butler PA 16001. (412)758-3578 (Janet). Email: dscott@pgh.net. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **OASIS:** PO Box 622, Meadville PA 16335. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **ERIE SISTERS:** ESCC, 1903 West 8th Street, Suite 261, Erie PA 16505. Email: eriesister@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - LOWER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CHAPTER:** Renaissance - LSV, PO Box 2122, Harrisburg PA 17105-2122. (717)780-1578. Support group.

FTM - **LANCASTER BOYZ:** Tom.(717)892-4999. E-mail: malesic@prolog.net. (Philadelphia area.)

CD/TS/SO - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI, PO Box 61, Easton PA 18044. S. Kristine James, Director, Karen Cioe, NYC Coordinator. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **NE PA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** Lehigh Valley. (610)821-2955. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER:** Renaissance PHL, PO Box 530, Bensalem PA 19020. (610)975-9119. Support group.

TS - **PHILA. TS SUPPORT GROUP:** PO Box 15839, Philadelphia PA 19103. (215)567-7879. Support group.

TS - **POSITIVE CHANGE:** c/o Pequin Place, 201 S Camac St., Philadelphia PA 19107. Joanna Sands (215)732-0603. Support group.

FTM - **PHILLY BOYZ:** Steve (215)546-6444. E-mail: shock@asc.upenn.edu. (Philadelphia area.)

**UJIMA:** Peer counseling, safer sex demos, and info materials for TG teens. Meets Wed. nights at 6:30 at 1207 Chestnut Street, 4th floor in Philadelphia.

## DELAWARE
**(197-199)**

CD/TS- **TRANSSOCIETY SISTERS OF DELAWARE:** c/o Linda Marie, Ivy Hall, #6, Newark DE 19711. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RENAISSANCE - DELAWARE CHAPTER:** PO Box 5656, Wilmington DE 19808. (302)995-1396. Support group.

## WASHINGTON, DC
**(200-205)**

CD/TS - **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE:** c/o R. Lewis, PO Box 50724, Washington DC 20091-0724. (301)277-5475. Support group. Meets in Baltimore.

FTM - **DC BOYZ:** Adam (301)270-0372. E-mail: romandede@aol.com. (Metro DC.)

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON:** TGEA, PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301) 949-3822. Support group.

## MARYLAND
**(206-218)**

CD/TS/CD - **THE CLUB VICTORIA:** Box 682, Bowie MD 20718. (301) 805-2255. Support group.

**COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS:** Rusty Lynn, LCSW, Pastoral Counselor, 4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda MD 20814. (301)652-6448. Psychotherapist.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP OF BALTIMORE:** c/o GLCC, 241 W. Chase St., Baltimore MD 21201. (410)837-5445, or switchboard 7-10pm (410)837-8888. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TRANQUILITY (Renaissance affiliate):** c/o GLCC, 241 W. Chase St., Baltimore MD 21201. Support group.

**SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES, INC.:** H. Martin Malin, PhD, 2114 N. Charles Street, Suite 3, Baltimore MD 21218. (410)528-1638. Psychotherapist.

**BALTIMORE BOYZ:** Mary (410)837-8888, Gary (410)392-3640.

**COUPLES' GROUP:** Maureen Carlson or Tambrey Zang (301)977-2403.

CD/TS - **WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE ALLIANCE:** c/o H. Garfinkle, PO Box 1994, Silver Spring MD 20915. (301)649-3960. Support group. Meets in Bethesda, Md.

CD/TS - **TRI-STATE TRANSGENDERED CLUB:** c/o Diane Terrant, PO Box 3102, Deer Park MD 21550-1002. (301)453-3538. Support group.

## VIRGINIA
(220-246)

**COUNSELING FOR RELATIONSHIPS:** Rusty Lynn, BD, MSW, LCSW, 225 E. Broad Sreet, Falls Church VA 22046. (703) 532-8723. Psychotherapist.

CD - **BLACK ROSE:** PO Box 11161, Arlington VA 22210. (301)369-7667. Support group.

TS/SO - **METRO AREA GENDER IDENTITY CONNECTION (MAGIC):** MAGA, PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301)949-3822. Support group.

**TRANS-GENDER EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION:** PO Box 16036, Arlington VA 22215. (301)949-3822. Support group.

**MARTHA L. HARRIS, LCSW:** Banyan Counseling Center, Inc., 5568 General Washington Drive, Suite 201, Alexandria VA 22312. (703)914-4627. Psychotherapist.

**ELLEN R. WARREN, LCSW:** 1500 King Street, Ste 302, Alexandria VA 22314. (703)683-0710. Psychotherapist.

CD - **VIRGINIA'S SECRET:** PO Box 14716, Richmond VA 23221-0386. (804)262-3906. E-mail: vasecret@aol.com. Support group.

FTM - **VA BOYZ:** John (804)751-0584. E-mail: moojuu@gnn.com.

CD/TS.So - **BEACH BUNNIES:** PO Box 64121M, Virginia Beach VA 23467. Support group.

## WEST VIRGINIA
(246-268)

CD/TS - **THE VALLEY GIRLS:** TVG, PO Box 181, Dunbar WV 25064. Support group.

CD/SO - **TRANS-WV:** PO Box 2322, Huntington WV 25724-2322. Support group.

## NORTH CAROLINA
(270-289)

CD/TS/SO - **TRIAD GENDER ASSOCIATION:** TGA, c/o Louise Hahn, PO Box 26221, Winston-Salem NC 27114. (910)727-9661. Support group.

**A CIRCLE OF CHILDREN:** Rt 5, PO Box 564, Zebulon NC 27579. Chris Allen, (919)269-8698. Support group.

CD/TS - **GDANC SUPPORT GROUP:** PO Box 305, Salisbury NC 28145. (704)642 1914. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CAROLINA TRANS-SENSUAL ALLIANCE:** PO Box 25347, Charlotte NC 28229-5347. (704)551-8838 (voice mail). Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **AGO:** 1235-E East Blvrd., Charlotte NC 28203. Alternative Gender-Oriented is group's full name.

TRI-S - **KAPPA BETA:** c/o Corresponding Secy., PO Box 12101, Charlotte NC 28220-2101. (704)565-5034. Email: Melissa Dixon, 72350.3156@compuserve.com, or Diane Jones, dajones@InfoAve.net. Support group.

TRI-S - **CHI CHI RHO-TRI-ESS:** Crystal Coast Rose, PO Box 733, Bridgeton NC 28519. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT:** Phoenix, PO Box 18332, Asheville NC 28814. (704)253-9882. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **LOUISE HAHN, MA, NCC LPC:** Wilmington, Research Triangle Park. (910)395-0772. Psychotherapist.

## SOUTH CAROLINA
(290-299)

**PHOENIX THERAPY SESSIONS:** 405 Pettigru, Greenville SC 29601. Carla Pridgen, (803)225-6938. Psychotherapist.

## GEORGIA
(300-319)

**SARAH C. JAMES, CEI:** Atlanta, Georgia. (404)622-1848. Electrology and counseling for transition.

**MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.:** Montgomery Institute, PO Box 33311, Decatur GA 30033. Contact: Jerry or Lynn Montgomery. (404)603 9426. Mental health services.

TRI-S - **SIGMA EPSILON:** PO Box 272, Rosewell GA 30077-0272. (770)552-4415. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **AGE:** PO Box 77562, Atlanta GA 30357. (770)435-4203. Support group.

## FLORIDA
(320-340)

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER INFORM NETWORK OF GAINESVILLE:** GING, Gail Driaper, (904)332-8178. Referrals.

CD/TS/TG - **PANTRA:** PO Box 3426, Tallahassee FL 32315-3426.

TRI-ESS - **TAU LAMBDA:** PO Box 3426, Tallahassee FL 32315-3426.

**FLORIDA CHAPTER MONTGOMERY INSTITUTE, Inc.:** PO Box 141133, Gainesville FL 32607. (904)332-6638. Referrals.

TRI-ESS - **PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS:** PO Box 3261, Winter Park FL 32790-3261. (407)677-9540. Support group.

CD/TS - **BUTTERFLIES OF THE WORLD:** For information contact April-Lynne Fowler, PO Box 2782, Orlando Fl 32802-2782. (407)841-3125. Support group.

CD/TS - **FANTASIA:** c/o GLCS, PO Box 533446, Orlando FL 32853-3446. Arlena Parrish or Angela Wood, (407)425-4527. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **SERENITY:** PO Box 307, Hollywood FL 33022. (954)436-9477. Support group.

TS - **THE EDEN SOCIETY:** PO Box 1692, Pompano Beach FL 33061-1692. (305)784-9316. Support group.

**LIBBY A. TANNER, PhD, LCSW, LMFT:** 5901 S.W. 100 Terrace, Miami FL 33156. (305)665-4934. Psychotherapist.

**ADELE KATES & ASSOCIATES, P.A.:** 1 N.E. 168th Street, North Miami Beach FL 33162. Certified & Licensed Speech Pathologist, Adele Kates, Director. (305)651-6442

**CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY COUNSELING:** 2999 N.E, 191 St., Suite 607, Aventura FL 33180. Coral L. Schlosberg, PhD, LCSW, LMFT, (305)936-8000. Psychotherapist.

CD/TS/SO - **ANIMAS:** PO Box 420309 Miami FL 33242. Support group.

**GENDER CONGRUITY CENTER:** 9960 Center Park Blvd. South, #404, Boca Raton FL 33428. (800)328-2633.

CD/TS/SO - **STARBURST:** PO Box 17411, Clearwater FL 34622-0411. (813)523-8760. Support group.

CD/TS - **TAMPA SISTERS:** TGIF, PO Box 272819, Tampa FL 33688-2819. (813)935-6848, Kimberly Westwood. Please leave contact information. Support group.

**TAMPA STRESS CENTER:** PO Box 273107, Tampa FL 33688-3107. Carl W. Bushong, PhD, (813)884-7835. Psychotherapist.

**THE CONSULTANCY FOR CHANGE:** Roger N. Millen, PhD, 304 16th Avenue, Indian Rocks Beach FL 33785-2824. (813)595-8457. Email: Tforchange@aol.com. Psychotherapist.

CD/TS/TG - **PATHWAYS:** PO Box 51462, Fort Myers FL 33905-1462. (941)693-1136. Support group.

**A CLINICAL APPROACH COUNSELING CENTER, INC.:** Coral Springs, Florida, Marcia L. Schultz, PsyD, Clinical Director. (305)345-2292. Psychotherapist.

**COUNSELING AND CONSULTING SERVICES OF PINELLAS COUNTY, INC:** Judith A. Meisner, PhD, LCSW, LMFT, 3530 First Ave. North, Suite 209, St. Petersburg, FL 33713 813-327-1672. Psychotherapist.

## ALABAMA
**(350-369)**

TS - **MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC.:** Montgomery Institute, PO Box 3361, Montgomery AL 35109. Jerry or Lynn Montgomery. (205)272 -2726. Mental health services/support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA:** SERGA, PO Box 16174, Huntsville AL 35802. Michelle Steadman, (205)880-9660. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA RHO GAMMA SOUTH:** SERGA, PO Box 66286, Mobile AL 36660. Lisa Jackson. Support group.

## TENNESSEE
**(370-384)**

TRI-S - **ALPHA PI OMEGA:** PO Box 784, Brentwood TN 37204-0784. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **TENNESSEE VALS:** PO Box 92335, Nashville TN 37209. (615)664-6883 voice mail. Support group. E-mail:ttp://www.transgender.org/tg/tvals/index.html

**GEORGE R. BROWN, MD:** Department of Psychiatry, Mountain Home VAMC, Johnson City TN 37684. (615)926-1177, ext. 7709. Psychiatrist.

TV/TS - **TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Rev. John Prowett, 1517 Court Street, Suite 4, Memphis TN 38104-2402. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **MEMPHIS TG ALLIANCE:** PO Box 11052, Memphis TN 38111-0052. Support group.

## MISSISSIPPI
**(386-396)**

CD/TS - **AURORA:** c/o Kim Brown, PO Box 1306, Florence MS 39073. (601)845-1328. Support group.

TRI-S - **BETA CHI MISSISSIPPI:** PO Box 31253, Jackson MS 39206-1253. Lee Frances, Secretary, (601)982-7678 (24 hrs). Support group.

## KENTUCKY
**(403-427)**

CD/TS/SO - **LOUISVILLE GENDER SOCIETY:** LGS, PO Box 5458, Louisville KY 40255-0458. (502)368-9918, Lori, (502)589-9556, Patricia. Support group.

## OHIO
**(434-457)**

CD/TS/SO - **CRYSTAL CLUB:** PO Box 287, Columbus OH 43068-0287. (614)231-1368. Email: cc@stargatge.com. Support group.

**NORTH CENTRAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:** 1301 North High Street, Columbus OH 43201. (614)299-6600.

**GLASS CITY SISTERS:** PO Box 8532, Toledo OH 43623. Email: glassister@al.com. Support group.

TRI-S - **ALPHA OMEGA:** Box 2053, Sheffield Lake OH 44054-0053. (216)556-0067. Support group.

CD - **PARADISE CLUB:** Paradise, PO Box 29564, Parma OH 44129. Email: ParadiseCL@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CROSS-PORT:** PO Box 1692, Cincinnati OH 45201. (606)581-3711, E-mail: crossport@aol.com. Support group.

## INDIANA
(463-479)

CD/TS/F2M/M2F/SO - **IGS** Attn: Linda BB, PO Box 425, Carmel IN 46032. Phone: (317)781-0834, Angela. Email: kaylin@iquest.net Support group.

CD/TS/F2M/M2F/SO - **INDIANA CROSSDRESSERS SOCIETY:** IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis IN 46220. Danielle (317)781-0834, or Gerri (812)882-4755. Support group.

## MICHIGAN
(480-499)

**CROSSROADS:** PO Box 1245, Royal Oak MI 48068-1245. Messages: (313)537-3267. Support group.

**HOMESTEAD COUNSELING CENTER:** Sandra L. Samons, DCSW, CAC, 1480 Shevchenko, Ann Arbor MI 48103. (313) 663-7871. Gender services & referals for UM Gender Program.

**LEE PADULA, PhD:** 37677 Professional Center Dr., Suite 110, Livonia MI 48154. (313)953-3333. Psychotherapist.

**GLENY STENOFF, MSW:** 32316 Five Mile, Suite #3, Livonia MI 48154. (313)421-4411. Psychotherapist.

CD/TS - **NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP:** NGDO, PO Box 02732, Detroit MI 48202. Justina Williams, President, (313)842-5258. Education and support.

TRI-S - **THETA OMEGA GAMMA DETROIT:** c/o Tri-Ess, 8880 Bellaire B2, Suite 104, Houston TX 77036. (temporary). Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN:** PO Box 1153, Grand Rapids MI 49501. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **NORTHWEST MICHIGAN GENDER SOCIETY:** c/o Tricia Marie Benton, PO Box 271, Petoskey MI 49770. Support group.

## IOWA
(500-528)

CD/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE:** RCGA, PO Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680. (402)398-1255, E-mail: sgibbons@synergy.net. Support group.

**PMC TRANSGENDER COUNSELING AND CONSULTATION:** Richard V. Campagna, MA, JD, PO Box 5265, Coralville IA 52241-5265. (319)354-3189, FAX (319)337-2045

TRI-S - **IOWA ARTISTRY:** Box 75, Cedar Rapids IA 52406. Support group.

CD/TS - **QUAD-CITY SOCIETY FOR SEXUALITY EDUCATION:** 1236 W. 8th, Davenport IA 52802. (319)324-6941 from 6-9pm. Support group.

TS - **PHOENIX:** E-mail: ASuper@AOL.com. Support group.

**CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE:** Susan McIntyre, MSW, ACSW, (515)277-7754. Psychotherapist.

## WISCONSIN
(530-548)

**TRANSGENDER IDENTITY GROUP:** c/o Ivanoff and Ivanoff, Ste 1810 Clark Building, 633 West Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI 53203-1918. (414)271-3322. Psychotherapy.

**INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH:** Great Lakes Gender Clinic, 3250 North Oakland Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53211. Charles A.Kiley, ACSW, LICSW, (414)332 5407. Psychotherapy.

CD/TS/SO - **GEMINI GENDER GROUP:** PO Box 44211, Milwaukee WI 53214. (414)297-9328 (voice-mail). Support group.

**MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM:** Pathways Counseling Center, 2645 N. Mayfair Road, Ste 230, First Financial Building, Milwaukee WI 53226-1304. (414)774-4111. Full service TS facility.

## MINNESOTA
(550-567)

CD/TS/SO - **MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION:** MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul MN 55117. (612)220-9072 (voice-mail). Support group.

**GENDER EDUCATION CENTER:** GEC, PO Box 1861, Minneapolis MN 55311. Debbie Davis, Director. (612)424-5445, FAX (612)424-8595. Educational outreach.

TS - **NEW MEN & WOMEN OF MINNESOTA:** PO Box 6432, Minneapolis MN 55406-0432. (612)220-1920. Support group.

TRI-S - **BETA GAMMA:** Box 8591, Minneapolis MN 55408. (612) 870-8536. Support group.

**DISTRICT 202:** 2524 Nicollet Ave., So. Minneapolis MN 55408. Safe place for youth.

CD - **CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY:** CLCC, PO Box 16265, Minneapolis MN 55414. (612)229-3613. Support group.

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM:** c/o Program in Human Sexuality, 1300 South 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454. (612)625 1500, FAX (612)626-8311. Full service TS facility.

**TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM:** Human Sexuality, Dept. of Family Practice and Community Health, U Minnesota Medical School, 1300 So. 2nd Street, Suite 180, Minneapolis MN 55454. (612)625-1500, FAX (612)626-8311. Educational outreach.

## ILLINOIS
**(600-629)**

**RONALD B. BARON, MD:** 2120 Sheridan Road, Highland Park IL 60035. (708)432-7007. Psychiatrist.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY:** PFTC, c/o Ellie Altman, Northbrook IL 60062. (847)564-9496, e-mail: EllieAlt@aol.com. Support group.

TRI-S - **CHI CHAPTER:** PO Box 40, Wood Dale IL 60191-0040. (708)262-8707. Support group.

**RANDI ETTNER, PhD:** 1214 Lake Street, Evanston IL 60201. (708)328-3433. Psychotherapy.

TS - **THE SUNDAY SOCIETY:** PO Box 478850, Chicago IL 60647. Sampognaro and Louise L. Raeder, (312)486-3125, (312)252-7024, Sheila L. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY:** CGS, PO Box 578005, Chicago IL 60657. (708)863-7714. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION:** CIGA, PO Box 182, Washington IL 61571. (309)444-9918, JoAnn. Support group.

## MISSOURI
**(630-658)**

CD/TS/SO - **ST LOUIS GENDER FOUNDATION:** StLGF, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117. (314) 367-4128. StLGF@aol.com. Support group.

CD/TS - **MID-AMERICA GENDER GROUP INFORMATION EXCHANGE:** MAGGIE, c/o St. Louis Gender Foundation, PO Box 9433, St. Louis MO 63117. Coalition.

TS - **GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT:** Stacey K. Connors, 1101 S. Liberty Drive, Liberty MO 64068. (816)792-0304. Support group.

TS/SO - **TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON:** Non-prisoners contact Dee Farmer, 23288037, PO Box 4000, Springfield MO 65808. Prisoners contact Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Succ 293 Cote-des-Neiges, 5858 Cote-des-Neiges Blvd, Montreal, QC, CANADA H3S 2S6.

## KANSAS
**(660-679)**

CD/TS/SO - **CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS:** CAF, Box 4092, Overland Park KS 66204. (913)791-3847. Support group.

CD/TS - **WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** PO Box 16831, Wichita KS 67216-0831. Support group.

## NEBRASKA
**(680-693)**

CD/TS/SO - **RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE:** RCGA, PO Box 680, Council Bluffs IA 51502-0680. Support group.

CD/TS/TG - **THE ALLIANCE FOR TS:** PO Box 365, Alliance NE 69301. Support group.

## LOUISIANA
**(700-714)**

CD/TS/SO - **GULF GENDER ALLIANCE:** PO Box 870213, New Orleans LA 70187-1300. Support group.

CD/TS/SO **NEW GROUP FORMING:** c/o LA Belle, PO Box 4373, Baton Rouge LA 70821-4373. Support group.

## ARKANSAS
**(716-729)**

TRI-S - **MU SIGMA:** PO Box 24031, Little Rock AR 72221. (501)227-8798, (501)523-2466. Support group.

CD/TS/TG/SO - **DANIELLE'S GETAWAY:** c/o Danielle Storm, PO Box 61, Jonesboro AR 72403-0061. Support group.

## OKLAHOMA
**(730-749)**

CD/TS - **SOONER DIVERSITY:** PO Box 575, Norman OK 73070. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA BETA:** PO Box 42122, Oklahoma City OK 73123. Support group.

CD/TS - **CENTRAL OKLAHOMA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE:** COTA PO Box 60354, Oklahoma City OK 73146. Support group.

CD/TS - **CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL:** CDI c/o Ms Gwen Pete, PO Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104. (918)582-6643/835-5334. Support group.

CD/TS - **DESIRE:** c/o Ms. Gwen Pete, PO Box 50192, Tulsa OK 74104. Support group.

## TEXAS
**(750-799)**

TRI-S - **DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER:** PO Box 141924, Irving TX 75014. (214)264-7103. Support group.

CD/TS - **AGAPE:** 1631 Dorchester, #112, Plano TX 75075. (214)424-1234. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RECAST:** PO Box 224001, Dallas TX 75222-4001. Support group.

TRI-S - **NU EPSILON TAU:** PO Box 14096, Pantego TX 76094. (214)490-5738. Support group.

CD/TS - **HELP ME...ACCCEPT ME OF DALLAS:** 6753 Camp Bowie Blvd., #177, Fort Worth TX 76116. Supprt group.

**GEORGE T. CARPENTER, III, DO & ASSOCIATES:** 1101 Cheek-Sparger Rd, Suite 121, Colleyville TX 76034. (817)498-8707. Transgender medical therapy.

**SO - WIVES'/PARTNERS' SUPPORT:** PO Box 5304, Katy TX 77036. (909) 875-2687.

**CD - HELPING CDs ANONYMOUS:** HCDA, 68-4 e Hwy 6 s #334, Houston TX 77083. Email: brenda@firstnethou.com. Support group.

**CD/TS/SO - GCTC:** PO Box 66643, Houston TX 77266. (713)780-4282. Support group.

**TS - TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR TS SUPPORT:** PO BOX 142, Bellaire TX 77401. (713)827-5913. Support group.

**TRI-S - TAU CHI CHAPTER-TRI ESS:** Box 1105, Alief TX 77411-1105. (713)988-8064 voice. Support group.

**ROSENBERG CLINIC, GENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM:** 1103 Rosenberg, Galveston TX 77550. (409)763-0016. Medical, psychological care and support groups.

**SO - WATS:** PO Box 17, Bulverde TX 78163. (210)980-7788, before 9:00pm CT, please. Support group.

**CD/TS/SO - BOULTON & PARK SOCIETY:** PO Box 17, Bulverde, TX 78163 (210)980-7788 live Tues. 6-9 pm CT. Email: tx t party@aol.com. Support group.

**TS - SAN ANTONIO TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP:** SATSG, PO Box 12913, San Antonio TX 78212. Support group.

**CD/TS/SO - AUSTIN SECOND IMAGE:** PO Bx 14965, Austin, TX 78761. (512)515-5460 Wed. 7-9pm. Support group.

**CD/TS - WEST TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE:** c/o Tami Maloney, 5817 Atlantic Dr., Abilene TX 79606. Support group.

## COLORADO
(800-816)

**INSTITUTE FOR GENDER STUDY AND TREATMENT:** Tomye Kelley, MA, PO Box 126, Arvada CO 80001. (303)420-9885. Psychotherapy.

**SO -TEENAGE KIDS OF TS:** TAKOTS, c/o Laurie Ciccotello, 1740 S. Buckley Road #6-178, Aurora CO 80017. Support group.

**CD/TS - THE PHOENIX PROJECT:** 1740 South Buckley Road, #6-178, Aurora CO 80017. Psychotherapy.

**CD/TS - JOHN R BARRY, MSW:** LICSW, 3955 E. Exposition Ave, Suite 408, Denver CO 80209. (303)698-2385, Fax (303)777-2878. Psychotherapy.

**CD/TS - GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC.:** GIC, 1455 Ammons Street, Suite 100, Lakewood CO 80215. (303)202-6466. Educational outreach.

**FTM - FTM SUPPORT GROUP:** Meets third Wednesday at 7.00 pm. Call John (303)698-2385.

**TRI-S - DELTA DENVER:** PO Box 16208, Denver CO 80216. (303)595-5TRI. Support group.

**DEB-ANN THOMPSON, PhD, NCACII, CACIII:** 2755 S. Locust St., Suite #207, Denver CO 80222. (303)758-6634. Psychotherapy.

**CD/TS - SUPPORT GROUP OF PUEBLO:** PO Box 1918, Pueblo CO 81002. (719)543-6460. Support group.

## WYOMING
(820-831)

**CD/TS - CENTRAL WYOMING TG SUPPORT GROUP:** PO Box 1301, Evansville WY 82636. (307)265-3123. Support group.

## UTAH
(840-847)

**CD/TS/SO - ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY:** PO Box 571242, Murray UT 84157-1242. (801)553-8141. Support group.

**CD/SO - LADIES OF THE LOCH:** Genevera Martin Pres., PO Box 651073, Salt Lake City UT 84165-1073. (801)576-1416. Support Group.

## ARIZONA
(850-864)

**SHEILA FRIEDEMAN DICKSON, PhD:** 3930 East Camelback Rd., #205, Phoenix AZ 85018. (602)956-3006. Psychotherapy.

**CD/TS - A ROSE:** PO Box 82813, Phoenix AZ 85071-2813. Support group.

**CD/TS/TG- GENDER OUTLAWS:** PO Box 55863, Phoenix AZ 85078. (602) 274-9599. Hotline, professional referrals.

**TRI-S - ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER:** PO Box 1738, Tempe AZ 85280. Email: jenjen@netzone.com Support group.

**SORORITY:** support group for family, friends. (602)293-3456.

**COUNSELING ASSOCIATES:** Ginnie Monroe Grant, CISW, 5440 S. Clambake, Tempe AZ 85283. (602)897-0444. Psychotherapy.

**WINGSPAN:** 422 North 4th Avenue, Tucson AZ 85705. Support group.

**CD/TS/Gay CD - TRI-S - TAU UPSILON:** 8802 Broadway Blvd., #145, Tucson AZ 85710. (520)296-3472. Support group.

**CD/TS/TG - EVOLVER:** 416 E. 22nd St., Tucson AZ 85713. (520) 884-0541. Support group.

**METRO'ON OF CATALINA:** Focuses on study of the spiritual heritage of the Gallae the transgendered priestesses of Cybele and Attis. Email: gallae@azstarnet.com

## NEW MEXICO
(870-884)

**TRI-S - FIESTA!:** 8200 Montgomery NE, #241, Albuquerque NM 87109. Support group.

**CD/TS/SO - SUPPORT GROUP:** c/o Stephanie, 2449 Algodones N.E., Albuquerque NM 87112. Support group.

## NEVADA
(890-898)

**TRI-S - TAU UPSILON:** 8802 E. Broadway Blvd., #145, Tucson AZ 85710. (502) 296-3472. Support group.

**TRI-S -THETA UPSILON GAMMA:** PO Box 42401, Las Vegas NV 89116. (702) 387-3891. Support group.

**CD/TS/SO - TURNABOUTS OF LAS VEGAS:** PO Box 927, Las Vegas NV 89125. (702) 222-7814. Support group.

**CD/TS/SO - TRANSSEXUALS SUPPORT GROUP:** Leave a message for Marty, (702)594-7884. Support group.

**CARING COUNSELING:** Nancy Lee, PhD, 2061 Market Street, Reno NV 89502. (702)322-7771. Psychotherapy.

CD/TS/SO - **SILVER ROSE GENDER ASSOCIATION:** c/o Lynda Cheney, PO Box 1334, Carson City NV 89702. Email: lyndach@aol.com. Support group.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (900-960)

CD - **ANDROGYNY:** PO Box 480740, Los Angeles CA 90004. (213)467-8317, Shiela or Shirley. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **MINORITY AIDS PROJECT:** 5149 W. Jefferson Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90016. (213)936-9338. Education and outreach.

**BRAD TAYLOR, MA:** Offices of Jerome Rabow, PhD, 10350 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 310, Los Angeles CA 90025. (310)576-5455. Psychotherapy.

TS - **AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER:** ATEC, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., #584, Hollywood CA 90028. (213)389-6938. Referrals.

TRI-S - **ALPHA:** PO Box 36091, Los Angeles CA 90036. Ask for Virginia. (213)876-6141. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **GENDER AWARENESS LEAGUE:** c/o Grace Bredow, PO Box 46062, Los Angeles CA 90046. Support group.

**LOS ANGELES GENDER CENTER:** LAGC, 1923-1/2 Westwood Blvd., Suite 2, Los Angeles CA 90025. Phone: (310)475-8880. Marie Keller, MFCC. Psychotherapy.

CD/TS - **CLUB CHERCHEZ LA FEMME:** PO Box 14521, Long Beach CA 90803. Send SASE for details. Private membership club.

CD/TS - **ON THE SCENE NIGHT:** Marlayna Lacie, 1856 Cherry, #608, Long Beach CA 90806. Parties and socials.

CD/SO - **CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB:** CHIC, PO Box 8487, Long Beach CA 90808. (310)420-2580. Support group.

CD/TS - **GENDER EXPRESSIONS:** PO Box 816 Lakewood, CA 90714. (310) 869-4241. Outreach coordination.

CD - **CD SOCIAL GROUP:** PO Box 224, Montrose CA 91021.

SO - **PATHFINDERS:** PO Box 2973, Corona CA 91718-2973. Support group for genetic women involved with the gender community.

CD/TS/SO - **BORN FREE:** PO Box 3822 Riverside CA 925519-3822. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **PSGV TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT:** 401 South Main Street, Ste. 104, Pomona CA 91765. (909)620-8987. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **NEUTRAL CORNER:** PO Box 12581, San Diego CA 92112. (619)685-3696. E-mail: http://users.aol.com/nutrlcrnr.html Support group.

**TRANSGENDER COUNSELING AND RESEARCH CENTER:** 4545 Park Blvd., #207, San Diego CA 92116. (619) 542-0088, ext. 1. Counseling, support group, Harry Benjamin SOC.

**TRANSGENDER COUNSELING AND RESEARCH CENTER:** 4545 Park Boulevard, Ste 207, San Diego CA 92116. (619)542-0088 Ext 1. Psychotherapy and support group.

TS - **PHOENIX RISING:** c/o Kristen Dixon, PO Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852. Support group.

TG - **TRANS ACTION:** PO Box 632954, San Diego CA 92163-2954. Support/advocacy group.

SO - **LOVED ONES OF TRANSSEXUALS:** (714)786-6891. Support group.

**THE PRINCE INSTITUTE:** PO Box 2916, Palm Springs CA 92263. Angela Prince, Ph.D., Director. Psychotherapy.

**ROXANNE CHERRY, PhD:** 343 3rd St., Laguna Beach CA 92651. (714)497-9925. Psychotherapy.

SO - **LADIES KNIGHT OUT:** PO Box 232, Laguna Hills CA 92654. Support group.

**GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.:** 32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite 203, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675. Wm. G. Heard, PhD, Director. (714)240-7020. Mental health facility.

CD/TS/SO - **POWDER PUFFS OF CALIFORNIA:** PPOC, PO Box 1088, Yorba Linda CA 92686. (714)779-9013 weekdays 9am to 9pm PT. Support group.

CD/SO - **LADIES KNIGHT OUT:** PO Box 19608-179, Irvine CA 92713. (714)262-9105. Support group for heterosexual crossdressing couples.

TRI-S - **TRI-CHI - TRI ESS:** PO Box 194, Tulare CA 93275. Support group.

TRI-S - **SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF:** c/o Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare CA 93275. (209)688-9246. Support group.

**INFO LINK ORANGE COUNTY:** (714)851-2883. Referrals. Also available in Spanish and TDD.

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA (900-960)

FTM TS/TG - **TRANSMALE TASKFORCE:** 1259 El Camino Real, #151, Menlo Park CA 94025. (415) 780-9349. F2M support.

**TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER:** 191 Golden Gate Ave.., San Francisco CA 94102. (415)554-0518. Peer counseling & support group.

**WILLIAM A. HENKIN, PhD:** 1801 Bush Street, Ste. 111, San Francisco CA 94109. (415) 923-1150. Psychotherapy.

**BARBARA F. ANDERSON, PhD, LCSW:** 1537 Franklin St., Ste. 104, San Francisco CA 94901. (415)776-0139. Psychotherapy.

CD/TS - **TRANSGENDER NATION SAN FRANCISCO:** 584 Castro, PO Box 288, San Francisco CA 94114-2588. (415)863-6717. Political action group.

FTM TS - **FPSG:** 584 Castro, PO Box 410-990, San Francisco CA 94141-0990. Support group for FTM TSs of COLOR ONLY.

CD/TS/SO - **SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION:** SFGI, PO Box 423602, San Francisco CA 94142-3602. Maintains database of TG resources for SF Bay area.

CD/TS/SO - **EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL:** ETVC, PO Box 426486 San Francisco CA 94142-6486. (510)549-2665 hotline, (415)334-3439 voice-mail, Telzey (510)849-4112. Support group.

SO - **SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT:** SOS, c/o ETVC, PO Box 426486, San Francisco CA 94142-6486. Support group.

**GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM:** GSAP, PO Box 424447, San Francisco CA 94142. Gianna Eveling Israel, Director, (415)558-8058. Psychotherapy.

**JEANNE M. WEST:** 450 San Antonio Rd, #50, Palo Alto CA 94306. (415)494-2952. Psychotherapy.

**HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION:** HBIGDA, 3790 El Camino Real, #251, Palo Alto CA 94306-3314. (415)322-2335. Resource for professionals.

CD/TS/SO - **DIABLO VALLEY GIRLS:** DVG, PO Box 272885, Concord CA 94527-2885. (510)937-8432. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **SAN JOAQUIN GENDER ASSOCIATION:** 1141 Catalina Drive, Box 163, Livermore CA 94550. (510)447-9920. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH:** 1250 Pine St., Walnut Creek CA 94596. (510)939-7711. Support group.

**SOCIETY FOR INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN TRANSGENDER ISSUES:** PO Box 30844, Oakland CA 94604-0844. (510)601-7975. Sharon Grayson.

CD/TS - **SAN FRANCISCO GENDER INFORMATION:** SFGI, c/o Dr. Rebecca Auge, 3637 Grand Ave, Suite C, Oakland CA 94610. Database of TG resources $3.00. Send SASE for further info.

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CD/TS/SO - **PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH:** 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley CA 94705. (510)548-8283. Support group.

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CD/TS - **SWAN'S INNER SOCIETY:** PO Box 1423, San Jose CA 95109. (408)297-1423, FAX (408)993-8173. Support group.

GAY/LES/TG - **THE BILLY DEFRANK CENTER:** 175 Stockton Avenue, San Jose CA 95126. Support group.

CD - **THURSDAY IRREGULARS:** c/o Joan Sheldon, PO Box 6541, San Jose CA 95150-6541. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION:** PO Box 700730, San Jose CA 95170. (408)984-4044 warmline. Support group.

CD/TS - **REDWOOD EMPIRE SOCIAL GROUP:** PO BOX 1531, Sonoma CA 95476. (707)938-8029. Support group.

**ALICE WEBB, MSW:** PO Box 1718, Sonoma CA 95476-1718. (707)939-7416. Psychotherapy.

CD/TS/SO - **SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION:** PO Box 215456, Sacramento CA 95821. (916)482-7742. Support group.

TRI-S - **SIGMA SIGMA BETA - TRI-ESS SIERRA SILVER BELLS:** SSB, PO Box 19933, S. Lake Tahoe CA 96151. Support group.

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**(967-969)**

**HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH:** PO Box 4530, Honolulu HI 96812-4530. (808)923-4270. Support group.

**GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER:** 1820 University Ave, #208, Honolulu HI 96822. (808)951-7000, FAX (808)926-1000. Psychotherapy.

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CD/TS/SO - **TRANS-PORT:** PO Box 66913, Portland OR 97290-6913. (503)774-8463. Support group.

CD/TS/SO - **CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER:** PO Box 3312, Salem OR 97302. Support group.

TS - **SALMACIS:** PO Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604. (503) 688-4282 (Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST). Psychotherapy.

TS - **SALISHON, THE WOMYN'S INFORMATION NETWORK:** SALISHON, PO Box 1604, Eugene OR 97440-1604. Service and information.

TG - **INTERMOUNTAIN TRANSGENDER OUTREACH** 1524 Monroe Avenue, La Grande OR 97850. (541)962-3466. Email: keol@eosc.osshe.edu. Support group.

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**(995-999)**

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TS/SO - **FACTT - QUEBEC:** Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Blvd., Montreal, Quebec, CANADA H3S 2S6. French-speaking referrals, medical and psychological services and support group.

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CD/TS - **STREET OUTREACH SERVICES:** c/o W. Travers, 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M4Y 1Z8. (416)926-0744 (24 hours). Multitude of services for TG youth.

CD/TS/SO - **CANADIAN CROSSDRESSER'S CLUB:** 161 Gerrard St. E, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M5A 2E4. (416) 921-6112 (24hr). Support group. e-mail: info@wildside.org

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CD/SO - **CORNBURY SOCIETY:** Box 3745, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6B 3Z1. Support group.

CD/TS - **FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TRANS-GENDERED PEOPLE'S SOCIETY:** FATE, 1-1727 William Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V5L 2R5 (604)254-9591.

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## THE MESS I MADE

After having my ears pierced and hair colored on April 16th (the accountant's national holiday), I began coming to work dressed as a woman in May and June on Fridays' "just for fun." This was OK at first as it was easy to book appointments around one day. I commenced telling my business clients on a need-to-know basis and started with the clients that had a tendency to pop by to drop off or pick up their work. The people in the other suites in my building were keeping an eye on me and were quite entertained, interested, and in some cases, uncomfortable.

By the end of July, my "girl days" had increased to two or three days per week. Now it became clear what a mess I created. Some clients knew and some didn't. Cindy, my one full time employee, was scared and confused. She was worried about my embarrassing her and our losing business. And "which boss" would show up tomorrow? How should she book appointments? Which clients knew and which didn't? There were some days where she was bothered and would not even make eye contact with me all day! I decided for my staff's sake that it needed to be stopped, or made consistent by going to a full time scenario. (Me stop? Yeah, right, sure.)

## UNDOING THE MESS

My first move was to explain to my employee that, yes, I was making a mess of things. Going full time was my solution of choice. I felt that by dressing consistently it would be easier both on her and my customers. I also asked her that if she could not handle it to look for a new job now to give me the courtesy of training someone in the slow season. The inordinate amount of attention it was now getting would only get worse during tax time. I informed her I needed someone who was going to be comfortable and to help the clients feel comfortable. Translation: Mellow Out or get out!

I went full time on August 15, 1996, and told all of the business customers. I worried about the reaction of the older, more conservative-type, customers and took many to lunch to tell them in person (which they all said they really appreciated). I told staff that I would like her to refer to me as "she" after the letter to all my clients went out. I did the "big news" letter on September 15, 1996. The people in my office building seemed used to it by that time, and were MUCH friendlier now that they knew I was serious and it was not just a lark.

## THE BROKEN CAR

I had taken Cindy to lunch about once a week since I hired her a year-and-a-half ago. Six weeks into my going full time she still did not wish to be seen with me or even go to lunch with me. Well, one day her car broke down a few blocks from the office. she walked back and asked if I would take her to her car and try to jump-start it. I drove her to her car and a nice young man came by.

"Do you ladies need help?" he asked.

Cindy explained the situation and he helped us jump-start the car.

"Have a nice day ladies!" he said as he left.

We drove a block or so to the Montgomery Ward where we went in and stood in line to buy a battery. We waited 10 or 12 minutes in line.

"Who's next?"

"I am," Cindy responded. "And you're after me," she said to the man behind her.

"What about her?" he said nodding in my direction.

"Oh, I'm with her," I retorted.

Talk about your ice breaker! Cindy was impressed and able to see that other people were seeing me as female. I then asked her to accompany me to lunch with a client who expressed concerns. I told her that if she joined us, it would help with the client. That lunch went very well.

Over the next few weeks her fears slowly went away. She saw that the clients were accepting me, we weren't losing business, I wasn't embarrassing her, and other people were seeing me as female. Now Cindy is back to her happy self and life is business-as-usual in the office. She goes to lunch with me now and has even begun to refer to me as "she" and "her." On an electrolysis day (OK, I still have an occasional "boy day"), she says that it is odd because she is now more comfortable with my female appearance!

Broken cars can be a good thing!

## WAVE OF THE FUTURE

Fear is when a potential customer calls from the Yellow Pages looking specifically for a female accountant.

Whew! Made it!

They didn't have a clue. I now actually have five or six clients who don't know. Such a novel concept especially since I have just completed telling everyone else! I suppose that will be the norm in the future, as it should.

I am extremely happy that I did not wait until my busy season to attempt the transition. Now, when the busy stuff comes, my staff and I will be comfortable with each other. I made sure the two new part-timers I hired knew up front and were comfortable with me to start. I am becoming more and more comfortable with myself each day, and extremely happy to be a she!

*(Loren M. Wingert, CPA, is a member of Powder Puffs of California. This article first appeared in the November, 1996 issue of* Girl Talk.*)*

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### *PUERTO RICO (009-)*

VANESSA DIANE S
(PR-M5582-K12287-80)
DWM, Hispanic, 33, 5'12", bilingual professional. Closet CD (limited experience), very shy (live with conservative parents), but able to meet you and travel any time. Love sports (SCUBA), makeup and lingerie. Seek supportive GG (preferred) or TV/TS to help with my femininity. Must be discreet. Will answer all.

## APO (090-)

DONNA W.
(APO-M5600-K12394-80)
MWM bi, 53. Crossdressing since childhood. Second wife knows & helps. Cannot meet as I live & work outside the country. Mbr FIL for years. Like to write & will answer all.

### *MASSACHUSETTS (010-027)*

SUSANA
MA-P-M0064-K0206-79
Member Tiffany Club of New England. WM, 5'7", considered passable. Interested in TV literature & clothing, especially lingerie. Would like to correspond with others with similar interests.

JANICE H.
(E MA-P-M0254-K0109-80)
TCNE, Tri-Ess. Participant Fantasia Fair. DWM, 70, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Go out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TVs. Make friends, but am on the quiet side, write to many other TVs. Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones & live full time as a woman.

HOLLY CROSS
(MA-P-M0279-K0188-99)
TV, senior citizen, 22WT. Lots of clothes, old ham gear, some money, no job, live alone. Attended 60 weekends & 750 concerts dressed since 1983. Wish I'd started sooner. Don't need correspondence, but often need someone to share a hotel room.

JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON
(E MA-P-M0733-K0229-79)
Member of IFGE and INNvestments. Widowed WMCD, 74, 5'9", 185. Retired, good listener, honest & intelligent Pass well. Like photography, sailing gardening, good music raising butterflies. Would like contact with CDs in SE MA area.

SUSAN ELIZABETH R.
(MA-M0839-K0055-80)
SWM TV, 60, 6', 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Like photography, treasure hunting, '40s &'50s music, dogs, nature, & being a lady. I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area.

SUE FANON
(W MA-P-M0983-K0020-79)
SBiM TV, 40, 5'10", 165, easygoing, understanding, safe and discreet. I would like to correspond with TV/TSs and understanding ladies who would like to help with my femininity. I would also like to be a friend to someone who is going through transition.

JULIE WINSLOW
(MA-M1587-K0217-82)
MWM TG, 40. Member of INNvestments. Supportive wife to share wear with. Do not go out crossdressed except to meetings and such. Natural farmer, artist, activist.

DIANA J.
(MA-M1999-K140-83)
Have taken hormones for 20 years, did electrolysis myself, TS in feelings. I have bought merchandise for business as a woman. I love my femininity and always look forward to the next day as a lady.

BONNIE F.
(MA-P-M2020-K2429-79)
WMCD, late 40s, 6',165, size 14. Just moved to New England. Seeking new friends, CDs, women. Music lover (classical, blues, jazz), non-smoker, feel of satin, swish of nylons against full petticoats, sensuality of slim skirts/lingerie. Travel, romance, dating, dancing, sincere, caring relationship with other sisters.

JOY SPENCER
(MA-M2530-K3700-79)
MWM, mid-40s. Wife knows & we are working on it. After such a long time hiding, I am cautiously & slowly coming out. Would appreciate helping words or hand from someone further along the path. Prefer central MA.

KAREN F.
(MA-P-M2725-K4383-80)
MWM, hetero CD, 6', 200. Dressing for years, but only recently ventured out with the help of friends. Love to dress up in soft feminine skirts, but don't get enough opportunity. Love lingerie and petticoats. Developing poise and confidence. Non-supportive wife. Your pix brings mine.

KAY LEE
(MA-M2787-K4481-79)
WM, TV, 6', 190. Wife knows, wants nothing to do with it. Wouldn't pass in a dark room. I just know how I feel when dressed. I love it all, and it makes me feel good, comfortable, relaxed. Therapy to accept myself didn't really work. I may feel guilty even after a lifetime of dressing. Need an outlet for the real me.

DENISE S.
(MA-P-M3049-K5807-78)
Mbr TCNE. CD, 42, 5'8", 140. Shy, gentle, loves nature, gardening, walking, tennis. Moving to NH shortly. Coming out step by step. I invite you to join me to share support & friendship. Is the understanding & acceptance of this duality a spiritual path?

BOBBIE SOKOLOWSKI
(MA-P-M3869-K426-78)
I'm Bobbie, attractive, clean TV, easy going, open, mature, warm, lonely, seeking a deep relationship with a very attractive, tall clean, fit non- or very light smoker/drinker bi-W female or TV/TS with same qualities. Let's meet together with our love of femininity. Berkshire County area. Photo/phone.

CAROLYNNE K. WEST
(MA-P-M4028-K5999-79)
TCNE, DAV, VFW, NALC. 5'5", 135, Narcissist, transcendentalist; cheerful feminine essence in a comportable masculine vessel. Interested in music, travel, homemaking, dressing & engaging public nearly 100%; offering discreet photography, modest bed & breakfast, & secure social interaction. Single, await the arrival of Prince Charming, irrespective of his gender.

LAWRENCE C.
(MA-P-M4381-K5124-81)
Age 63-years young. Vegetarian for 15 years, but I do eat some fish. Like classical music, the outdoors &

cooking. Interested in the arts & very feminine women. Looking for a close friendship with same interests. Have just moved to the east coast & starting life over again.

COLLEEN BARNARD
(MA-M5399-K11861-78)
MWM. Been dressing since teens. Wife is aware but not supportive. Member IFGE, SIS. Love all aspects of being feminine: high heels, lingerie. Interests are reading, history and computers. Desire to meet/correspond to share experiences and develop friendships. Would like to hear, have advice on how to make family more accepting. Please write.

RACHEL B.
(MA-M5454-K10563-79)
SWM, CD, 28. Crossdressing since childhood. Enjoy everything feminine, still in closet, though. Interested in meeting other CD/TVs in NE area for support, friendship, relationship? Try to answer all. Please send photo. Robin S. in CT: lost your letter, please write again.

JOSEPHINE B.
(MA-P-M5544-K12262-81)
SWM, 59, 5'11", 205. Like to hear from mature CDs in SE Mass & nearby RI. Non-passable. Love dressing at home.

PAULA B.
(W-MA-P-M5571-K1985-85)
Member of Sunshine Club. Would like to meet others in the life-style to share the great gift of transgenderism. Please write. Love to go out to eat and shop, the club scene, but no drinking or drugs. High on life.

KITTY C.
(MA-M5624-K10919-78)
OBJECTIVE MARRIAGE. DBF, seeks tall, professional, white TV who is dynamic, humorous, honest, non-submissive, not in the closet, or completely caught up with 'clothes.' I want a REAL person who I can grow old with & share new adventures. Send detailed letter with picture.

ALICIA CARLA LONGSTREET
(MA-M5749-K12703-99)
TALL fun loving post-op TS, with legs that just don't stop. I am interested in a permanent monogamous relationship with a good looking tall man, late 30s to early 50s. I like to ski (snow & water), play golf, play cards (especially bridge), go for long walks, & enjoy the outdoors. I love to cook (some people say I am skilled at it), & I love to cuddle in front of a roaring fire.

KAREN M.
(MA-P-M5818-K2137-78)
WM, 47, 5'7", 135, brown, blue eyes. Passable. Interested in meeting someone who can walk the walk and shop the shop, in public, of course. But only available for public outings on a limited basis.

LAUREN P.
(MA-M5831-K12802-78)
Ingenue WM CD, slender, 5'8", 130, youthful 40, blonde/blue. Comfortably closeted, would like correspondence/friendship with nurturing, passable CD/TV/TS/hermaphrodite or female for girl talk and to explore new-found femininity and the alchemy of makeup. Photo would be nice, but will respond to all.

JOYCE K.
(MA-M6058-K13198-80)
33, 5'10", post-op, thin, youthful and attractive. Long, brown hair, large brown eyes and fair skin. College educate, Catholic and open to other people's religious viewpoints. Variety of interests. Want to meet nice non-TV/TS or lesbian somewhat old-fashioned gentleman.

## RHODE ISLAND (010-027)

ANDREA K.
(RI-M1771-K1934-79)
5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-andro-ciallygynized. Interested in Sci-Fi, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video. I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TSs & talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, & becoming a full-time woman, to be known as a woman, & treated as one.

MARYBETH COOPER
(RI-M3744-K8198-81)
SWM CD, late 30s. Coming to terms with my other self. Need support and encouragement from other CDs. Seeking understanding, supportive GG for relationship. Would like to hear from you!

VANESSA MURRAY
(RI-M4696-K10385-78)
47-year-old M CD in a wonderful relationship with enthusiastic lady. Mgr. of book sales for IFGE. Stop in to America's first transgender bookstore so we can meet and chat. My spouse and I send you peace and love.

PATRICIA LYNN ROSS
(RI-P-M5499-K3302-80)
M2F pre-op TS. Living and working full time as Patricia for over a year. Love people, will help others with transition.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE (030-038)

A. M. GREENE
(NH-M0731-K0277-99)
Post-op, new-woman. Interests are computers, reading, music, gendered people, belly-dancing & all things feminine. Editor of the TV-TS Confidential Magazine. We need cover girls.

SAMANTHA KELLY
(NH-M5321-K11816-78)
Educated, professional, SW, 34, hetero, varied interests to include my feminine persona. Seeking attractive biological females or transsexuals (or those on the way) who would like to share their feelings, experiences, & insight. Willing to trade pictures & possibly meet. New to this lifestyle & looking for friends.

SHERI SERENA P.
(NH-M5661-K9902-78)
44, hetero. I'm still in the closet even though I have been wearing women's clothes since age twelve. I put on my first slip, bra & nylons then, & always loved shiny, wet-look type clothes. Thanks for understanding. Would like to correspond with someone.

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## MAINE (038-047)

JEAN CHURCHILL
(ME-P-M3729-K0164-81)
Member Transupport, divorced pre-op TS, 42, 5'8", 127, 12, dressing since age 3, out since October 1992. Vegetarian. Don't smoke/drink/drug, spiritually inclined, on speaker's bureau. Interested in Transcendental Meditation, theater, creative writing, nature day trips, fine arts, interior design, solar technologies, being feminine, making friends, socializing, correspondence.

CYNTHIA T.
(ME-P-M5121-K11173-81)
5'7, MWM, bi-curious, homemaker, children. Wife accepts, but neither understands nor supports. Ready to embrace my natural tendencies. Request help to realize potential. Interested in cooking, wine, photography, music, cars, movies, fetishes, creative role playing. Would love to host TG women, build friendships, learn the art of passing.

## VERMONT (050-059)

JOAN MARIE L.
(VT-M0528-K0340-79)
SWM, hetero CD, 40, 6', full-figured. Love to shop for music. Like cooking, Sci-Fi fantasy, & travel. Real passion for lingerie, esp. bras, panties, teddies, slips, girdles, hosiery & heels. Wish to correspond with TGs.

HELENE H.
(VT-P-M2021-K2488-81)
Mbr Sunshine Club. Like to hear from other ladies, especially those in the NE who want out of the closet, help, or advice. There are more of us in this neck of the woods than you think. Come out wherever you are.

CLARISSA LYNN MICHAELS
(VT-M4760-K10702-78)
MWM. 50! Wife is absolutely supportive and comfortable with our community. Married 25 years. Dressing with varied intensity and frequency since early teens. Out of self-imposed closet since '92. Not totally passable, but enjoy being dressed. Looking for like couples as pen-pals to share experiences. Will answer all. Discretion assured!

## CONNECTICUT (060-069)

CARLA E. GOLDSNIDER
(CT-P-M0212-K0374-80)
SWM, quiet, understanding. Live alone. Member ConnView, COS, Transgender and Tapestry. Enjoy being en femme, meeting TVs, men, females for parties, going out. Lifetime CD. Very comfortable with myself. Would appreciate photo which I will return with first letter.

ANDREA G.
(CT-M0425-K0357-79)
Married, 5'11, 170. Interested in sports, good food, reading. Like to develop friendships in the TG community, & welcome correspondence.

MICHELLE KAY
(CT-P-M1490-K0368-78)
Mbr Tiffany Club, COS. SWM, hetero, TV, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair. Quiet & sincere. Enjoy cross-country skiing, music, theater, & travel. Looking for honest, caring, feminine CDs for correspondence or get-togethers.

RAMONA G.
(S CT-P-M1948-K2274-78)
60s, 5'11", 180. Attended Fantasia Fair seven years, Tiffany Club First Event 6 years. Member COS. Miss Provincetown, 1991. Supportive wife and daughters that know Ramona. Love going to outings and letting the Lady inside of me out. Things that make me strongest as a male are the results of Crossdressing and being Ramona.

RON THOMPSON
(CT-M2477-K3501-78)
Compassionate, empathetic gentleman who loves the beauty of a sensual feminine CD. I am a handsome, muscular & a successful professional. I would love to share good wine & food with a beautiful CD who is happy, intelligent, likes music & dancing. Love, Roni.

ANDREA STEVENS
(CT-P-M3214-K6216-82)
Mbr COS. Hetero CD, 5'8", 155, late 40s. Happily married. Wife aware and tolerant. Intcrested in competitive cycling and running, reading, golf and skiing. Been dressing fully since early 20s. Attended First Event '95 & '96. Look forward to future gatherings and helping others.

MONICA LEE MARIE
(CT-P-M3506-K7202-79)
Single, sensual CD; 33, 5'11", 175. Attended the Texas T Party '94 Prefer a genetic (single) woman to share the feminine spirit heart-to-heart and eye-to-eye. Love movies, romantic dinners, conversation, music and shopping. Your place or mine?

SAMARA F.
(CT-M3587-K7565-80)
Tall (very) out of practice CD returning to action after years of wishing. Now divorced, rapidly losing weight. Love TV fiction. Want to correspond, meet new friends. Liberal in most ways, but no drugs. All letters will be answered.

BOB P.
(CT-M6099-K0855-79)
Admirer who likes feminine TV/TSs. Am slender, athletic, attractive, educated and fun. Live alone in quiet residence in lower Fairfield County. Your note will get my phone. Let's chat and meet.

## *NEW JERSY (070-088)*

LEIGH H.
(NJ-M3024-K5328-78)
SWM CD/TV, 5'10", 50-look, act younger. Love everything feminine. Clean shaven. Sometimes submissive . . . sometimes not. Love fishing, outdoors, photography, painting, long walks, quiet evenings at home. Good natured. Answer all with photo. Yours gets mine. Come on, you know you want to!

PAMELA G.
(NJ-RP-M3070-K5682-81)
Mbr Tri-Ess. MWM, 22T. SO knows but doesn't want to meet her, which leaves me in need of one-on-one help with fashion, makeup, etc. Would like to hear from TG/GG from Bergen Cnty. Will answer all.

KAREN KEYES
(NJ-P-M3309-K6595-78)
Mbr Renaissance. TCNE First Event '93, 4, 5, 6. Attend other events each year. Attractive & feminine when dressed. Open-minded. Wish to meet TGs for friendship & socializing. Photo appreciated.

JANET.
(NJ-M3487-K7209-78)
MWM, hetero, 6', 196, 51, athletic build, understanding wife. Interested in crossdressing, corsets, B & D, heels and especially RUBBER. Have a full beard and prefer not to leave the closet for obvious reasons. Enjoy corresponding and will respond to all!

ELAINE MONROE
(NJ-M3637-K7810-80)
Love feminine role. Co-Director of MOTG, Mbr Renaissance, Tri-Ess. Attended Coming Together, Be All, Southern Comfort, Fantasia Fair, Paradise in the Poconos. Speaker for TG community. Goal to help others out of closets, & to help the TGs legally & socially. Want to network with those with similar goals.

ARLENE THIEL
(NJ-P-M3777-K8249-85)
Mbr of Renaissance. Attend many events. 5'9", 155 lb., very smooth, SWM TV, live alone, mature professional. Only hobby is being feminine. Love to entertain & share girl things. Love going out to have fun. I correspond lots & answer all sooner or later. Pictures help.

JAN DIANA N.
(NJ-M3908-K4840-80))
MWM, hetero, 6'1", 200, blue eyes. SO has known for years, but is neither supportive nor accepting, which hurts. Crossdressed since age five with mom's support. Still in closet. Feel very feminine when dressed as the person I want to be. Will answer all. Photo nice.

CAROL ANN LEE
(NJ-P-M4245-K9528-80))
Member: IFGE(Supp.), Tri-Ess, Sigma Nu Rho(Pres.), Editor of 'News Briefs' Renaissance, AEGIS, Pres. of Greater New York Gender Alliance. Attended '94 Holiday En Femme. Married, hetero, 52, 5'8", 170, supportive wife and three daughters. Dressing since a very tender age. Enjoy going to cultural events, concerts, dinner and, of course, shopping. Used to correspond extensively, but increased responsibilities have slowed replies to almost a complete stop.

JAKE L.
(NJ-P-M4993-K10734-84)
Romantic, educated, professional gentleman, 30s, 6', 180, admirer. Seek caring friendship with TS or feminine TG person 21-45. Understanding and supportive of gender issues. Enjoy shoppig, fun times & cozy nights. Travel extensively.

DENISE BRUNNER
(NJ-P-M4471-K8267-78)
MWM hetero CD late 30s, 5'7". Vice President of Chi Delta Mu of Tri-Ess. Attended Midnight in Manhattan '94, Holiday En Femme '95. Wife tolerant but not supportive. Enjoy going out en femme. Looking for friendship and to share experiences with.

SUSAN LYNETTE
(NJ-P-M4700-K10391-78)
President Chi Delta Mu chapter Tri-Ess. MWM, wife supportive. Enjoy going out with friends and helping new girls to get out and meet others just like us. Give me a good reason to go out and I'm gone. I will write back and send pictures.

KATHLEEN M.
(NJ-P-M4719-K10436-78)
Just recently came out & loving every minute. 5'6", 140. Like photography & music. Want to help sisters with photos. Love being a girl & look forward to meeting other girls like me. Want to hear from you.

SISSY L.
(NJ-M5268-K11129-79)
DWM, hetero, submissive, 47. Seek correspondence and possible relationship with S/DWF any age. I like to wear panties, pantyhose, stockings, garter belts, and girdles. Would like to learn how to walk in heels. Will answer all letters from any females. Only answer men who were caught dressed by spouse.

DONNA WALSH
(NJ-M5459-K11222-79)
5'9", 150#, single, sincere, sensitive. Gender aware since childhood. Uncertain of final destination, but sure I am not yet there. Recently

returned home after five years in Texas. Well educated, seeking new career opportunities. Enjoy sailing, reading, music, off beat movies and film festivals, travel. Seeking correspondence/friendship with old and new friends.

BRANDY LEE
(NJ-P-M5491-K10141-80))
Although male by birth, I am female by nature and love being a woman. I seek a slender M2F TG with long hair, age range 18-35. Let's explore our female selves together.

SUSAN W.
(NJ-P-M5778-K11569-78)
Member MOTG, Renaissance. CD, 42, with flair for dressing sensually, knows how to dress fashionably. I frequently shop at malls en femme, also dining out, day trips, historic sites, antique and craft shops museums, flea markets and photography. Appreciate autumn leaves, snowfalls, fireplaces and sunsets. Do you have similar interests?

JILL ANGELIQUE JARIS
(NJ-P-M5817-K10072-78)
40-year-old TV enjoys music from the '60s (especially the Beatles). Love to go out in public as a woman. Hope to become TS some day. Would like to correspond and/or meet with other TG persons.

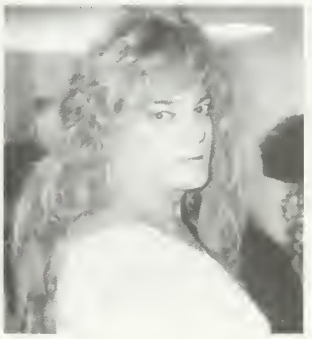
## *NEW YORK (090-149)*

WINNIE BRANT
(N NY-P-M0228-K0582-99)
Mbr Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC. Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair. CD, 60+, 6'2". Many interests. Scientifically & culturally oriented. Have attended many CD events. Very busy as president of TGIC, but will try to answer any correspondence.

CONNIE TAYLOR
(W NY-P-M0434-K0657-79)
Mbr Tri-Ess, Phoenix Society. MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, supportive wife. Like clean-cut clothes & tall heels. Loves to correspond. If you need somebody to talk to, just write. I really do reply to all letters promptly.

TAMMY D.
(NY-M0775-K0522-79)
MWM, 6'1". Would like to write to and meet others interested in CD. Would like someone to make me more passable.

DELORES M.
(SE NY-P-M0808-K555-84)6)
Mbr Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity. Attended Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), Coming Together. Married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer, lifelong TV. Interested in fashion, photography, classic bebop, science, sailing, biking, tennis, autos, & being outdoors. I love the fun part of the scene, derive a lot of pleasure from it.



VICKIE STONE
(SE NY-P-M1035-K0559-79)
46-y/o CD, attorney, divorced, but recently (re)married a beautiful and supportive lady who gives Vickie emotional support and fashion assistance. Vickie also enjoys songwriting, plays guitar and bass, loves country music. Member LIFE, former member Chi Delta Mu. Former Editor *LIFElines*. Other commitments keep me from being as active as I'd like at the present time.

BONNIE HOWARD
(NY-M1186-K0655-79)
Size 10, TG businesswoman. Single, well adjusted woman who carries herself with pride & confidence. Silks & suits or shirts & sweats. Welcome to my world.

FRANCINE C.
(NY-M1584-K0631-78)
SWM, 5'10", 190. Interested in outdoors, reading & fishing. Girl friend supportive. Love the total feminine look to be a passable lady. Interested in corresponding with all, especially in south central NY & northeastern PA.

JULIE ANN C.
(N NY-M1695-K0610-78)
Mbr TGIC, Albany, NY. Attended Fantasia Fair '78, '88-'93. Hetero CD, 55, 5'9", 183. Interested in family, hiking, camping, Sci-Fi. An over-all outdoors country girl.

STEPHANIE LYNN
(N NY-M1744-K1907-75)
DWM, 44, 180, TV, strong TS feelings. Love to dress in the more conservative styles. Love the feeling of being a girl. Enjoy computing, playing the keyboard and listening to music. Like to start going out more in the Southern NY and Hudson Valley area.

JUDY H.
(NY-M1920-K2200-78)
Mbr of LIFE. 43, married. Interested in military history, Sci-Fi. Looking for a friend to talk to, work on improving image.

VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL
(SE-NY-P-M1960-K2390-78)
I am beautiful for I am me, I am Victoria & I love life. I am totally energized by living feminine & I am very proud. Class & dignity are my life & tho' I can never be a woman, I will never be anything less than a lady. If you write, I will answer. To all I wish peace . . . of mind . . . of spirit . . .

KATHERINE H.
(NY-P-M2073-K2139-84))
Mbr of TGIC in Albany. Attended Fantasia Fair '89, '90, '91, Coming Together in Pitts & Philadelphia. Donahue Show, National Gender Lobby Day '95, TG facilitator LGBT Conference '96 at SUNY Albany,

graduate student/writer/LGBT activist. Love music, comedy and my softer side.

JENNIFER B.
(NY-P-M2441-K3429-79)
MWM with supportive wife, member Eulenspiegel Society. Seek meetings and correspondence with TV/TSs who have a love for lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and fantasies. Interested in psychology, metaphysics and fashions. Would love to hear from you.

VERONICA MARTIN
(N NY-P-M2482-K3564-78)
SWM, hetero CD. Enjoy the prissy feeling dressing up in full petticoats, square dance, & party dresses. Still looking for one understanding gender woman in my life.

STEPHANIE JENNIFER W.
(NY-M2732-K4399-79)
Mbr of Tri-Ess.

FRAN B.
(NY-M2781-K4612-78)
SWM CD, 5'9", 154. Former FI chorus girl. Want to make friends with TSs, including F2M. Love romantic dinners & good conversation. Like to dress in a business woman's outfit. Please only reply if you are a discreet individual.

EMILY C.
(NY-P-M2966-K5109-80))
MWM, 5'6", size 10, supportive SO. Enjoy shopping, correspondence, photo exchange. "Joy is where the inner femininity finds expression in the outside world."

KATHY LORRAINE
(NY-P-M2974-K5110-78)
CD. Can't pass, but to blend in is a realistic goal. 5'13", 180, single, businesswoman. Mbr Tri-Ess, ed. Buffalo Belles, Nu Phi Chi newsletter. Glad to help newcomers in any way. No sex letters. Thank you, Kathy.

BRENDA VEE
(LI NY-P-M3089-K595-808)
Mbr: LIFE/B of D. Outreach Drctr, Fantasia Fair '93, '94, '95. SWTG, 45. Sensitive to the TG community & feel bond to all. Striving for personal best. Supportive SO. Like cooking, dining, fashion & makeup, pen pals & sincere, open-minded people. Love to help new people.

JOANN S.
(NY-P-M3455-K7096-79)
Fantasia Fair, Tri-Ess convention in Chicago. Retired, hetero, live alone, dress as often as I like, sometimes for weeks at a time. Interested in world travel (travel every chance I get), photography, fine dining. Would like to hear from people who live on the eastern end of Long Island.

JODIE H.
(NY-P-M3700-K8044-81)
Hi! Enjoying the transgender world out and about. Married and making it all work. (Lucky!) Like to meet everybody. Be proud. Keep your chin up and your nails polished. Have a great day.

ED W.
(NY-P-M3839-K6786-79)
SBM, 38, 6', 240. Strong, silent type residing on Long Island seeks an attractive local TV/TS/CD to become my main squeeze! Correspondence welcome.

ERICA H.
(NY-P-M3937-K8489-78)
Mngng Director, Co-Founder NY GIRL & PARTNERS, Renaissance affiliate. Member AEGIS, IFGE, Renaissance. Published Erica's Book and Video Reviews for CDs. Numerous public outings NYC and east . . . Theatres, museums, upscale dining. Program coordinator NYG&P-Resource Information Gender Theories . . . Supportive girlfriend. Correspondence welcomed. Replies guaranteed.

TAMMIE ANDERSON
(NY-P-M4141-K8935-79)
Mbr Tri-Ess, Chi Delta Mu. Love to dress & have been going out in public the last two years. Would like to correspond & meet with other TVs in area north of NYC. I am a NYC computer & math teacher.

ELIZABETH B.
(NY-P-M4248-K3480-80)
Single, 40-ish, 5'7", hetero and a TS wannabe. Have been on hormones for a while. Would love to have more male, female and TS com-

panionship. Enjoy being treated like a lady. Will answer all. Those with photos will get a faster reply.

CATHERINE L.
(NY-M4359-K3186-78)
Mbr COS. MWM, 6'2", 43, hetero CD. I have been dressing since teens. Came out five years ago. Don't pass too well, but I do go shopping dressed. Would love company or talk on all things feminine. Wife knows but is not supportive.

DIANNE KARRON-SCHWARTZ
(NY-P-M4720-K10443-78)
Tall (6'), bright (PhD), medical school/university professor, pretty 38-year-old pre-op TS or possibly TG girl seeks friends to go out on the town, visit when on the road. Regular IRC addict. Transgen C-D Forum. Likes dance, aerobics, makeup, opera.

CHRISSY S.
(NY-P-M5195-K11530-78)
SWM, hetero CD, 5'11", 46, engineer. Enjoy travel, theater, electronics, fashion and shopping. Outgoing with great sense of humor, but very discreet about crossdressing. Prefer the professional career-girl look and the very feminine look. Interested in meeting women from NYC area for friendship/relationship.

CHRISSIE YORK
(NY-P-M5212-K11564-78)
Mbr Rochester CD Network. SWM, 5'8", 160, lifetime dresser. Red, blonde hair, bi-CD. Looking for caring persons, male or female, who are caring CD/TV/TS. I will write all who write.

ANGEL L.
(NY-M5222-K4611-85)
SWF, caring, cute, funny, honest (30s), marriage/friendship-minded, monogamous, moralistic, romantic, spiritual, understanding. Smoke/drink/drug/promiscuity/gambling out. Seek same: hetero SWM, CD, 30s, even-tempered, non-abusive, 5, 6. Love comedy, culture, dining, fifties, fun, music, theater, etc.

GINA DANIELS
(NY-P-M5226-K11619-78)
Hetero CD size 16, NYC metro area wants to go out with other TGs or mature men to movies, a Broadway show or shopping. Have hundreds of photos. Your photo gets mine.

JEAN ALEXANDER
(NY-P-M5235-K11638-78)
SWM, TV, 40s, 5'10", 175, brown hair, blue eyes. Hot city girl interested in other ladies, CDs to play. Help me to be a better, more beautiful woman outside and underneath. Good jewelry and great lingerie a must. Love to shop as a girl and dress as a woman. Your pic gets mine.

BOB C.
(NY-M5285-K11734-78)
Member IFGE. Sincere, caring man seeking friendship and possible relationship with pretty TS or TV in NYC area, but will answer other letters. My interests are computers, reading, writing, oil painting and physical fitness. Please send photo and letter.

TERI SHANNON
(NY-P-M5339-K5768-78)
Single, sane lovable, young for 40s, pre-op M-FTS with vivid imagination seeks Mr. Right for romantic candle-lit evenings, possibly longer. Well built 30-40s gentleman must appreciate unbridled femininity and support my quest to lose remaining inhibitions. Shapely, 5'10", 165. Not a good correspondent, will travel northern NY. Photo appreciated.

CLEO JONES
(NY-P-M5376-K2860-79)
MWM, hetero, 60+, 5'9". Mbr Buffalo Belles. Rochester CD Network. Crossdressing since childhood. Wife negative and unaware of my TV life. Love to dress and be feminine. Looking for someone in my area for conversation. Can't afford separate apartment for Cleo. Will answer letters.

JUDY M.
(NY-M5594-K12374-81)
MWM mature CD who wishes to remain in the closet. Interested in acting out fantasies including soft bondage and role playing.

PHYLLIS MOONLADY.
(NY-P-M5622-K10729-80)
TV, single, 60, 5'11", 160. Pink lingerie lover. Seek F-M, dominant, high testosterone women, dominant M-F or kind, virile, potent admirer 50-70. Am intellectual, domestic. Be disease-free and love sissies. All answered. Please write. Desperate for love.

NICOLE KELLY
(NY-P-M5679-K12553-78)
Sexy, sophisticated, bi-TV, 34, 5'8", 145, 10. Seek men, women and passable TVs to share dining, dancing and exploring all facets of being a woman. I love high fashion, glamorous makeup and total femininity. Travel nationwide. Will answer all sending photos. Let's meet in '96!

CHRISTY-LYNN B.
(NY-P-M5738-K12693-81)
MWM, 42, 5'7", 130. Slim TV who luxuriates in femme side. Interested in meeting sincere TV/CDs who like quiet evenings, good conversation or socializing with other sisters. Love art, music and just having fun in life. Starting electrolysis. Some travel. Send photo with letter.

CHRISTINA I.
(NY-P-M5792-K7717-78)
MWM, College ed. Loves party dresses, prom especially bridal, petticoats. Dressing since age 11. Your pic gets mine.

DEBBIE F.
(NY-P-M5798-K6076-78)
Mbr TGIC in Albany. Interested in friendship or possible relationship. Would like to talk or correspond. I'm 43, big and easy going. Like trains, car racing, and videotaping nature and other interesting events.

WENDI R.
(NY-P-M5816-K0336-78)
44, 5'8", hetero CD 150, 36-29-38. Closet CD, love to come out, but wife will not understand. Love everything feminine. CD since 12 years old. Love to pass, but I don't think I can. Shy, discreet.

JACKIE M.
(NY-P-M5827-K5454-78)
Divorced, vivacious, outgoing, fun-loving blonde, 40, tall and classy. Mbr of Rochester CD Network. Would like to hear from others (M/F) in NY area. Have been told I look 28 when dressed. Enjoy going dancing in clubs.

DAPHNE T.
(NY-P-M5830-K10948-78)
Bi TG, refined, intelligent, unconventional, French speaking, true devotee cult of the feminine. Tai Chi, Yoga, many exotic talents. Love nature, domestic bliss, existential soirees, life as Art. Resourceful, loyal, dedicated tigress. Prospecting for mature M/F/TG companion. Will relocate for right Chi.

SHIELLA S.
(NY-M5842-K6544-78)
5'7", 35 years, 140#, white. Living as a female housewife and on hormones for two years.

SHARON C.
(NY-P-M5864-K4292-78)
MWM, TV, 29. Would like to correspond with TV/TS close to my own age in the western NY area, but any letters would be welcome. I want to find some people to talk to with possibility of meeting for lunches, shopping, etc.

L.W.
(NY-P-M5936-K3917-78)
PPM (64+), good health. Enjoy socializing, sports, bridge, people with genuine sense of humor and cruise travel. Would enjoy/welcome CD counterpart (M/F) to share pleasures, smiles, etc.

DANA D.
(NY-P-M5977-K9361-79)
Tall, retired, lifelong CD. Member Buffalo Belles and Rochester CD Network. Attended Riverside '94. Dressing since age 12. Married over 30 years to understanding spouse. Enjoy photography, boating, model building. OJ trial addict. Conservative dresser a la JC Penney.

STEPHANIE ANNE SUMMERS
(NY-M5997-K12955-79)
DWM, 45, CD in closet, reaching out for the first time. Would like to correspond with other CDs.

ANA HUNT
(NY-P-M6041-K13138-79)
Biological female using makeup, clothes to facilitate M-F and F-M CD since early '70s. Member of leather community versed in roleplay, fetish. A respected domina for correspondence and professional training. Individuals, couples. New York and California.

BOB N.
(NY-M6094-K13310-79)
SWM (40s, hetero until now) would like to meet a pretty, petite/slender CD/TS. Passable would be nice, but it's okay if you're still working at it. My area (Syracuse) would be ideal, but travel might be possible, particularly to some place warm. My fantasy is to be her first man. Interested?

DONNA BLISS
(NY-P-M6115-K13372-79)
Bi, single and anxious to become what I feel I am. Need accepting F and sisters in my life. Love lingerie, photography, sailing. Need new friends. Love to correspond, meet and share photos. Need help since this is new for me.

## PENNSYLVANIA (150-196)

BETH STEELE
(PA-M1031-K0663-79)
Mbr of TransPitt, Cross Roads, TCNE.

ALISON LAING
(E PA-P-M1242-K0733-99)
Co-Founder, past National Director Renaissance. Chairperson of the Outreach Institute of Gender Studies, Director Fantasia Fair '94, '95, Ms. Fantasia Fair '92. Mbr of AEGIS Board of Directors. Trinity Award 1994. Interested in Native American traditions & community building as related to transgenderism. Love fine dining, good wine, art, crafts, antiques, theatre & travel.

JENNIFER WHITE
(W PA-P-M1722-1880-79)
Mbr TransPitt, Erie Sisters. 5'10", 180, red hair, green eyes. Interested in sports, fashion, writing, photography. Looking for males for escorts, CDs to go out with, etc. Nothing bizarre, please.

VERONICA MARTIN
(PA-M2482-K3564-78)
SWM hetero CD. Enjoy dressing in full petticoats & square dance dresses. Would love to go square dancing. Interested in meeting understanding women. PS: Barbara (genetic girl), you left out your return address in letter.

MICHELLE DOUGLAS
(SE PA-M2623-K3889-79)
MWM, 41, 5'10", 185. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, & high heels. Married to accepting & helpful wife. I'm a novice, & have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships.

PHYLLIS JEAN W.
(W PA-P-M2770-K4563-83)
5'11", 165, CD with strong TS tendencies. Now 40-something. I paint, play guitar and am struggling with computers. I enjoy jazz and rock, and occasionally classical music. I am a poor correspondent due to my heavy schedule.

JENNY W.
(PA-P-M2891-K4869-80)
Single CD, 34, 5'6", 140. Passing & feeling wonderful in Philadelphia. Professional, fun & outgoing with diversified interests. Would love to hear from all sincere, especially an understanding female for friendship/relationship. I travel a little. Talk to you soon!

S. KRISTINE JAMES
(PA-M3228-K6289-78)
Founder Cross Dressers International in New York City, Director of Moonlight in Manhattan. Travel extensively & would love to hear from you.

WILMA ANNE SILVER
(PA-P-M3388-K6832-78)
Single, retired, hetero CD. Have time to refine femme self. Looking for support in joining orgs & attending functions. Would also like to find a GG to enjoy the best of both worlds.

DIANE DALE
(PA-P-M4229-K7136-80)
MWM, hetero, 40-something. Mbr Renaissance. Attended Paradise in the Poconos. Enjoy music, shopping, aviation, clubbing, photography. Wife tolerant. Relatively normal life-style. Wonderful stable family. Love to have fun. Controlled outrageousness. You write, I'll write.

D. MCKAY
(PA-P-M4296-K8817-78)
Mbr TransPitt, Tri-Ess. 5'11', 145, 10. Presentable, single, progressive, hetero 'Dresser,' organizer of Travelers Express, a central PA group of confident out folks in 100% public places. NOT cross or trans. GGs always welcome. Femme photo gets response. Accept and enjoy who you are without shame.

KAREN K.
(SE-PA-P-M4593-K9998-78)
Single TG, 6', 160. Want to make friends with other TG/GG. Like fine dining, shopping, traveling, living as a she-male, glamour, theatre, seductive fashions, makeup, high heels & all that is feminine.

CHARLES M.
(PA-M4774-K10509-82)
SW M-F hetero CD, 5'10", 260, Mbr TCNE. Like to help hetero F2M CDs discuss men's traditions during weekend meetings in PA Poconos, ABE area or Central NJ. Helps if you like Japanese & Chinese cuisine.

KRISTEN ASHLEY EMBERS
(PA-P-M5145-K11340-78)
SCD, 32. Out a few times & love it! Interests are shopping, movies, stock market, sports, music. Seek correspondence with understanding female for friendship, possible relationship. Also seek letters from other sisters. Letter with photo gets mine.

BARBARA D.
(PA-P-M5151-K9319-78)
DWM, 30s, tall, thin, hetero TV. Love fashion & modeling. Enjoy the challenge & magic when the clothes, accessories, & makeup form a convincing transformation. My interests include music, art, cooking, & fitness. Would like to hear from accepting females & other TV/TSs.

ELLEN S.
(PA-P-M5319-K11011-78)
SWM, 46, Bi-TV. Been crossdressing since my teens. Like to be out of the closet more, but fear I would not pass. Like to write & meet other TV/TS/CDs for friendship or relationship. Love wigs, makeup & being feminine. Discreet. Will try to answer all.

ASHLEY M.
(PA-P-M5856-K0469-78)
Tall, sincere, CD enjoys expressing her feminine self. Love shopping, sexy lingerie, heels, hose and girl talk. Dress in everything from leather and lace to business suits. Like to meet other sisters who share my interests and can help me improve my image.

RHONDA STEVENS
(PA-M6031-K13101-79)
DWM, bi TV, 55, 6'1" part-time dresser, full time TV admirer. Would love to hear from my bi sisters. Looking for a relationship with the right bi-TV woman. Love wearing panties, bras and spike high heels. Love that feeling of being a woman. Your photo a real plus.

WILMA G.
(PA-M6042-K13139-79)
DWM, 60, bi-TV. Been crossdressing since age 12. Like to write, meet and visit with other CD/TVs for friendship or relationship. Inexperienced in makeup, nails, etc. Would like to date and dance as Wilma.

## *DELAWARE (197-199)*

PHYLLIS VANETTA LARSON
(DE-P-M0931-K0742-78)
Gracious lady active in Tri-Ess, IFGE, Renaissance Mtgs. Photographed TCNF's Awards Banquets '90-'94. Married to an understanding, beautiful & gracious SO. Self-employed, often dress at home & office, dine out dressed. Electrolysis completed. Sail, pilot, Church. Reside in S. Del. All answered.

AUDREY J. STEELE
(DE-P-M2434-K3366-78)
Mbr Renaissance, Tri-Ess. To all who have written, please forgive me, I just could not keep up. Thank you all! I come and go dressed anywhere, so I'm out there, and very lucky to have met the people of each organization. I hope and pray that I can and have been of some help to others.

BRENDA LYNN GRAY
(DE-P-M5215-K2009-78)
Single CD, 5'7", sz 8. Mbr Renaissance. Comfortable with my male & fem self. Love going out dressed. Enjoy making friends. Like to hear from sisters. Photo appreciated.

ELIZABETH C.
(DE-P-M5733-K12679-85)
MWM, 38, 6', 175. Have been crossdressing for 10+ years. Wife very supportive. Looking for other married or single CDs to be friends with and go out socially. Enjoy boating, model railroading and sexy clothing. All answered.

## *MARYLAND (026-218)*

STEPHANIE G.
(MD-M2847-K3353-81)
Lifelong TV-TG fetishist. Have extensive library which I've maintained for 28 years: TV-TS material. Married with understanding and supportive wife. Special interest in petticoat punishment and enforced TV. We love to make new friends. Please write!

KATHERINE HUNT
(MD-M4905-K10858-80)
MWM, mature tall bi-CD. SO not completely understanding of CD life-style. However, I love every minute of my other life. Interests are stock market, golf, history and the outdoors. Also, lingerie and all that is feminine. Would love to hear from other CDs in the MD/DC area.

VIKKI W.
(MD-P-M5392-K1003-79)
CD, 5'11", 45+. After a lifetime of suppression, repression, and depression, Vikki is finally emerging from her secret closet. She would love to communicate with anyone interested in sharing similar experiences and feelings.

PAULA D.
(MD-M5543-K11918-80)
Crossdresser, 43 years old, 5'11", 170#. Widowed with three-year-old son. Like a butterfly emerging from my cocoon and loving life. Love to shop, watch movies, nature walks, personal development. No problem with going out or staying in. ISO correspondents and friendship. The truth will set us free.

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BARBARA A.
(MD-P-M5801-K12777-78)
Experienced TV, 5'10", 145, 40s. I'm interested in meeting other very feminine TVs in MD/DC/CA/CO/FLA. Would also like to hear from those with an interest in the TG lifestyle. SASE and photo please.

MARK O.
(MD-M6131-K13441-80)
Sincere, honest, discreet, very handsome professional DWM, 5'10", 165, seeking TV or pre/post-op TS for dating or LTR. Live alone in my own home. If you would like to spend a week or a lifetime as a woman, please write.

## *VIRGINIA (220-246)*

LINDA C.
(VA-M0703-K0784-78)
Mbr of Tri-Ess. 5'8", 150, MWM, hetero TV. Interested in women's fashions, gourmet cooking, photography, music. Enjoy meeting, corresponding with TVs.

JAYNE MACK
(VA-M1206-K0748-80)
WM, bi, 50s. Feminine side been closeted too long. Now eager to learn and experience all. Would love to hear from sisters, women and men who can help. Love books, writing, jazz, computers and sexy lingerie.

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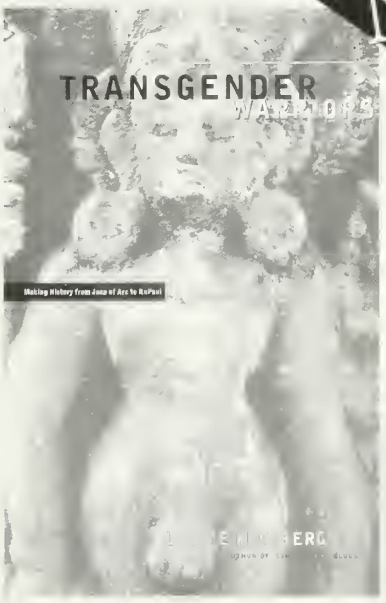


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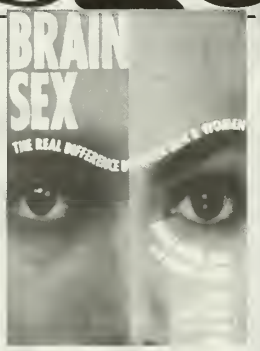


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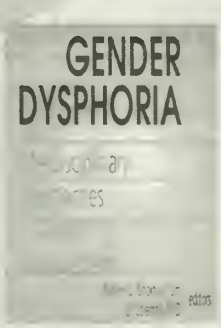


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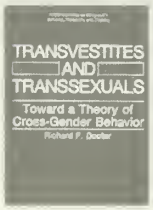


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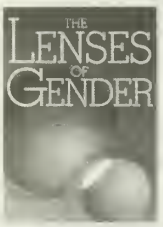


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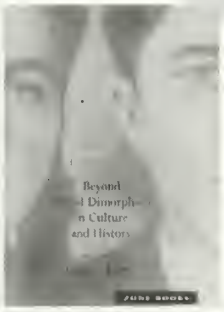


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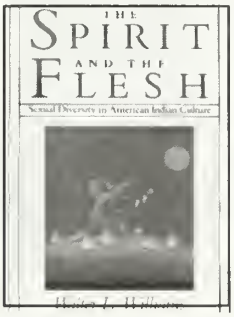


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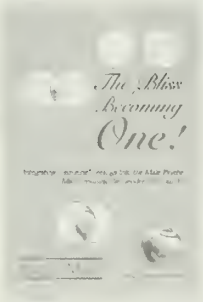


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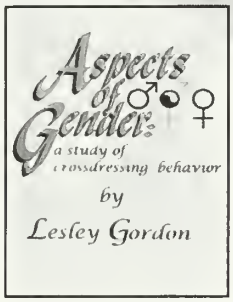


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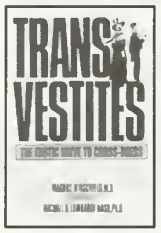


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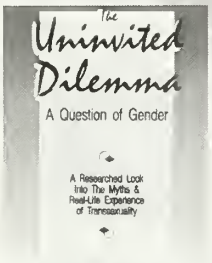


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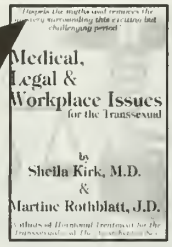


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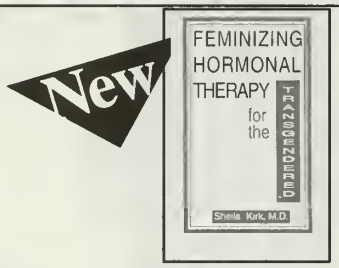


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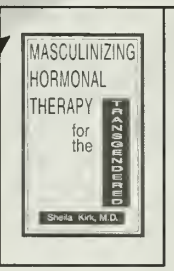


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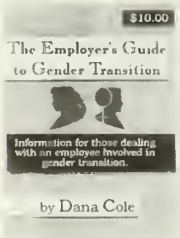


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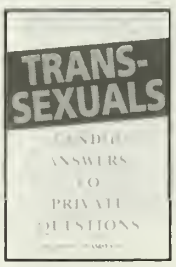


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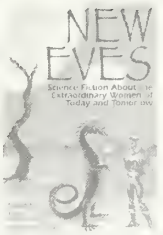


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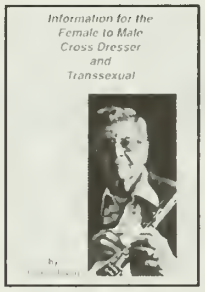


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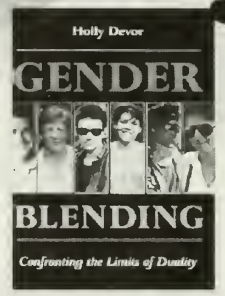


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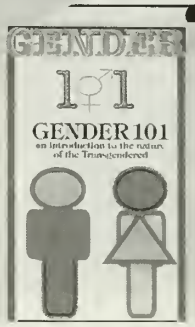


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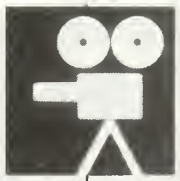

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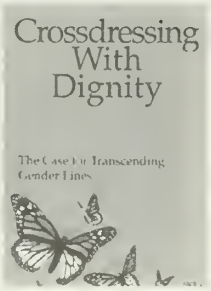


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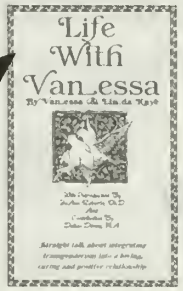


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My search for individuals who appreciate an eclectic, glamorous and sophisticated soul like me continues! Do you share an interest in art, fashion, music and living life to the fullest? Yes? Then write and let's talk. I will be waiting!

DON C.
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AM, 5'9", 168, desire to meet personable TV/TS for friendship, etc. Travel mid-Atlantic region from VA to NY regularly. Photo/phone desired. Discretion assured. Let's meet and enjoy life.

DIANE VAN HORNE
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GWENDOLYN D.
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MGM-TV interested in drag shows and joining a TV/TS support group. 23- years -old, 155#. Would like to meet FIs to help me with getting into the drag performance business. Photos exchanged. Love to write.

TERRY MOORE
(VA-M5857-K1200-78)
Want to have real breasts. Need info on who will provide hormones. Thank you for helping.

JUNE GRILLS
(VA-M6124-K13407-79)
WM CD, 60, 5'11", size 16 most of the time. Retired executive exploring feminine side. Hobbies include sailing and classic cars. My passion is crossdressing and all things feminine. Want to correspond and meet others to share girl talk, ideas. All letters answered promptly.

## WEST VIRGINIA (246-268)

KAY LIGHTNER
(WV-P-M2435-K3374-78)
Married CD, supportive SO. We enjoy being out and about. Attended Be All & Paradise in the Poconos. Started vacationing en femme & coming out to select straight friends. I am an avid sewer & cartoonist. Write me.

DEBBIE LUCAS
(WV-M3393-K6842-79)
Debbie is in her 40s, 5'6", has an understanding wife, and is passable. Debbie is a member of IFGE, Tri-Ess, Cofounder of WV's first support group, and is currently the President and Founder of The Valley Girls (TVG), a new support group in Charleston, the state capital.

STEVIE LYNN
(WV-P-M5769-K12733-78)
Single CD, TS tendencies, 40s, 5'9", 162. Pass fairly well. Television engineer, rock singer, song-writer, musician. (Rabid Stevie Nicks fan.) Small home studio. Several gender songs. Trying for mainstream music success as a woman. Need help with feminine singing voice. Speaking voice okay. Know any record producers?

STEPHANIE SELF
(WV-P-M5923-K12831-78)
DWM. Would like to correspond with post-op TSs and genetic females for friendship and insight to pursue my inner feelings and strong desire to be a woman. Stuck in wrong body and profession: autobody. Yuk! Pity me girls? Then write.

## NORTH CAROLINA (270-289)

FRANCES T.
(NC-P-M1245-K0823-78)
Mbr TVC, Tri-Ess. Participant Coming Together, Be All. Late 30s, 5'7", 140. "Pass very well. Enjoy shopping chatting with store clerks, beauty personnel, etc., who know me. Flew dressed to my last convention. Look forward to doing it again next year. Browse in women's magazines & dress catalogues. Not a good correspondent.

RACHEL M.
(NC-M2272-K2848-80)
Continue to thrill at the joy of dressing. Never been out. Still too intimidated to share with the world. Wife knows and supports me because I have become more comfortable. Would love to share with you. I promise to write back.

BOBBI F.
(NC-M3645-K7953-78)
WM, hetero CD with developing case of lapitis (currently 38), 50s. Am a demographer, market researcher with interest in communicating with as many as possible. Enjoy classical organ music, history, railroads. Travel extensively throughout NC.

JACKIE J.
(NC-P-M4048-K8273-78)
SWMCD, 40ish, 5'9", 165. Will try to respond to all sisters who have written. Bear with me! Still in closet. Someday soon, hope to open the door! Very active in community & spend much time with SO (doesn't know, but I think suspects). Ex-military (MOS 7562). Interests: gardening, fishing, aviation, hunting.

PAMELA ROGERS
(NC-P-M4235-K9428-80)
This Carolina girl Adores everything about being a lady. Enjoy sending letters & photos to friends from all over. Love the humorous side of our transgendered community, & proud to be a part of it. Being Pamela is not something I do, it is a part of who I am. Write soon!

EMMA S.
(NC-M4864-K6443-79)
Emma took an ax and gave her closet door 40 whacks. When she had done, in came a ray of sun. I'm 35, SWM, bi-tendencies, 26S, out with public, not with family. Searching for friends. Prefer '50s glamour look, especially gowns foundation garments (collector), and cigarette holders. Please write.

LISA R.
(NC-M4936-K10950-79)
TV/TS seeks employment in US. Bachelor degree Agronomist. Currently quality assurance lab technician. Laboratory or botanical opportunities preferred, but open to alternatives.

DANA D.
(NC-M5371-K11632-78)
Very active member of Tri-Ess. Member of Tau Chi and Kappa Beta, IFGE and AEGIS. Very active writer.

A.G.
(NC-M5485-K12085-80)
WM, 38, 5'11" 170#. Seek feminine, passable TV/TS for friendship and possible relationship in NC. Educated professional desires that special someone who wants to be totally treated as a lady. Willing to host. Photo phone gets reply.

BOBBI ANN B.
(SC-M2874-K4857-80)
WM, hetero CD. Looking to get out of the closet. Love everything feminine: hose, heels, etc. Need someone to help push me out of closet, but be helpful also. CD since 12. Dress at home. Girls, this girl needs help!

GARY H.
(SC-M3929-K8445-78)
Attractive DWM, 30, 5'11", 170, desires a relationship with a sincere, attractive feminine TS. I am not looking for just a good time, but romance. Picture and phone appreciated.

TRISH J.
(SC-M4698-K9264-82)
MWM TV, 36, 190, 5'10", size 16. Seeking others in upper SC or western NC. Would love to write, talk & maybe meet other sisters. Dressing since early teens. Wife supportive and understands my need to be me. Working on that passing thing we all worry about.

## GEORGIA (300-319)

MICHELLE WEST
(GA-M1486-K0842-79)
Yankee transplant has flourished in the Sunny South. Nourish my soul with books & music, my body with exercise, both with Tai Chi, & my bank account in the computer world. Lifelong CD, coming farther out by leaps & creeps Will answer all. (No come-ons.)

LEE D.
(GA-M4931-K10078-79)
Post-operation FtM seeking others to share comments, advice, etc. Also seeking medical doctor in the southeast that can do the complete process. Thanks!

GINGER SCHOENHERR
(GA-M5337-K2131-78)
SWM CD, very feminine, spend about 75% of time as a woman. Love old movies, good conversation

& being a woman. Seek female or other CD to explore the feminine world.

## FLORIDA (320-340)

VANESSA S.
(FL-M1178-K0919-80)
WMTV, 55. Crossdresser all my life. Do not pass. Adore everything feminine, especially heels, wigs and elegant evening wear. Published author of TV fiction. Collect books, videos, magazines and everything available on this most beautiful of all hobbies.

CLAUDIA K.
(FL-M1833-K1010-83)
Member Crossport, CFS, Sigma Epsilon. Attended Be All, Texas T Party, Southern Comfort. Interested in sunshine, my home, travel, still & video photography. Enjoy meeting new people. Am anxious to help CDs of any age out of the closet and into a support group.

DIANNE WHITE
(FL-P-M4025-K5217-78)
TS on hold. Member MOTG. Fun, enjoyable, dateable. Let's party. 60, slim figure, size 9, nice legs. Love dressing stylishly, youthful and provocatively. Spike heels, tight skirts and black nightgowns were made for me. Feel the same? Fantastic! Let's chat. Love corresponding on any subject. All letters answered.

DENISE B.
(FL-P-M4035-K8736-78)
39-year-old CD. Married. Intolorant wife, 5'10", 160. Attended '93, '94 Be All, '94 Southern Comfort. Eclectic tastes, particularly fond of shopping. Active Tri-Ess BBS. Discovered my femme side only two years ago. It has brought to me my life's highest highs & lowest lows.

PAMELA ANN B.
(FL-P-M4695-K10384-78)
DWM, Have been dressing for years, but need help getting past the front door. Passable maybe. second opinion welcome. Enjoy all sports, photography, music, dressing as much as possible. Photo appreciated. Answer all.

MICHELE NICOLE H.
(FL-M4947-K10221-79)
Early 40s, 6', DWM TV with TS tendencies. Seek other TV/TS for support and help. Very well educated. Love to kayak, but have no friends. Would like to meet new friends with similar interests. Can travel on weekends. Would like to go out in public once I am over being shy.

DAWN ELDRIDGE
(FL-M5353-K2034-78)
TS, 49 years old. In need of correspondence with others. Would like to exchange thoughts about life. Interests vary from music to stock market. Will answer all letters.

JAMIE L.
(FL-P-M5405-K2096-79)
MW TV, mid-40s, 5'7", 145 lbs. Wife totally supportive, understanding and active participant in femme persona fascination and desires. Recently moved to Orlando area. Interested in meeting and socializing with other TVs or couples. Travel up and down the east coast.

NANCY McDERMOTT
(FL-P-M5456-KI0695-79)
MWM, hetero TV, wife knows. Want to write/visit like-minded TGs/couples. Can travel state. Contemporary dresser, average looks. Will answer all & would like to be a woman with you & will share costs. I don't drink/drug/smoke.

ERIN ANN EDWARDS
(FL-M5465-K11860-79)
Looking for support in M-F, WPB area. Pre-op, ready for real life test. Will enjoy phone or personal contact.

MICHELLE PHILLIPS
(FL-P-M5470-KI169-79)
Lifelong CD with TS tendencies. Finally out and loving life. Want to make new friends in the gender community. Enjoy corresponding with others. Love all things feminine, shopping, dining out and night life. 5'9", 145. Planning to start hormones soon. Member Tri-Ess. Attended Paradise in the Poconos '95.

SAMANTHA B.
(FL-P-M5606-K3630-80)
Post-op November '96. Seeking a feminine, passable M2F TS (non-, pre- or post-op). Must be full time. Request photo from those interested. Please provide personal data on yourself. I'm 5'9", 135, 35 years old.

MICHELLE KAUFMAN
(FL-P-M5723-K12668-81)
I am not a joiner and prefer a few close friends. I drink, smoke and like to have a good time. I'm attractive and pass well. I'm somewhat of an artist and value literacy, intelligence and a progressive attitude. I'm not religious. I'm comfortable with crossdressing, as is my wife, and have been out of the closet for more than seven years. I'd like to hear from other TV/TSs with a similar outlook.

MICHELLE SHARP
(FL-P-M5756-K12724-81)
SWM bi, 50, CD since childhood. Honest, discreet, playful adventuress. Adore femininity. Interested in music SCUBA, plants, friends, conversation and laughter. Wish to meet, converse and/or correspond with TV/TS, men or women with inquisitive minds and playful spirits.

RONI GEORGE
(FL-M6005-K7520-79)
Married CD, wife nonsupportive. Love how crossdressing makes me look and feel. There must be CDs in Miami. Where are you? Would like to meet and talk with someone who feels my feelings.

## ALABAMA (350-369)

PAULA R.
(AL-P-M2820-K4698-80)
Member of Montgomery Institute, NOW, LWV, ACLU. Attended Southern Comfort '91, 2, 3. DWM, 61, 5'10", 174, TG-TS? Interested in boats, cooking, theater, music, collectibles, Civil War buff, active in environmental groups, local historical preservations. Semiretired. Can travel at will.

SARAH C. JAMES
(AL-P-M4764-K10766-78)
DWM early 50s (feel much younger!), 5'8", 38, teacher, author. Coastal Alabama. "I love partying, all kinds of dancing (especially being led), reading, movies, traveling, dressing nicely, meeting new people, having new adventures, receiving and answering letters. I love being a woman. Want to share? I answer all letters.

## TENNESSEE (370-384)

TERRI CANNON
(TN-M1293-K1505-78)
MWM, 5'11", 40+ (and holding), ex-Californian relocated near Knoxville with disapproving spouse and purged wardrobe. Rebuilding Terri gradually, but hoping for contacts/correspondence. Would delight in new girl friend/soulmate. In addition to smooth legs and heels, enjoy golf, fishing, films.

JAMIE CORNETT
(TN-P-M2335-K3037-80)
Sbi-CD, 5'11", 145. Love being a redhead & en femme. Understanding & open minded. Will answer all. Request photo.

LIZ FONTAINE
(TN-M2471-K3494-78)
Loving, lifelong crossgendered TV, MWM, seek pen pals for sharing thoughts and feelings, childhood experiences and photos. Passable, trim, 5'8", 10-12, 40s, brunette (own hair). Especially fond of hairstyling, lingerie and sleep wear, makeup, girl talk, and all things feminine. Answer all, request photo.

LORRIE RENAE T.
(TN-P-M4655-K7766-78)
5'11", blue eyes, blonde hair often, hetero CD. Single and in closet. Want to meet an understanding GG for possible relationship. Also like to meet other CDs for help promoting feminine self.

MARILYN M.
(TN-P-M5160-K11336-80)
5'11" TS who's sweet, loving and sensuous. Would love to start hormones immediately and continue through SRS, but too afraid without loving male support. Seeking tall CD/she-male/man for relationship, TSs/women for lady talk. Love being a woman! Photos please!

TONI ALEXANDRA EVOLA
(TN-P-M6102-K6120-79)
Pre-op M2F TS, 5'9", 135, brown/brown. Mbr IFGE. Began transition age 20, now 25. Professional, degreed, working in the health care industry. Interests include the arts, travel, fashion, culture, and writing. Wish to meet and correspond with other TG individuals.

## MISSISSIPPI (386-396)

SISSY S.
(MS-P-M3443-K7091-79)
Mbr of Tri-Ess, Beta Chi. 5'11", 190, SWM, hetero, 40. Like being a woman & meeting women & CDs in MS. Love going to restaurants, movies, & shopping as Sissy. Seek supportive females for friendship/relationship. I enjoy being a girl, don't you?

JOANN LYNN
(MS-P-M3858-K3224-78)
MWM, bi-TV, 5'8", 135, 36B-29-36. Like to meet other TGs, MS Gulf Coast & New Orleans or Mobile. Love to dress as a female. SO not supportive. Will travel for daytime meetings for relationship. Seeking others who can help me be the female I crave to be.

## KENTUCKY (403-427)

JUKUE R.
(KY-M1992-K2494-80)
Love to hear from all.

LINDA BUTEN
(KY-P-M2001-K0965-99)
Mbr Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors. Participant Be All, Coming Together. MWM TV, 6', 180. Been in public for years, & understand self & others well. Wife & children know, understand & love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life.

MARY ANNE WILLIAMS
(KY-P-M5525-K12197-84)
Late 40s. Only recently began giving in to my female feelings. Oh, such sweet surrender! Wonderful, supportive wife. Desperately want to pass. Much to learn. Would like to get to know other KY girls. Interests: acting, transcendental meditation, rock 'n' roll.

RACHEL T.
(KY-M6063-K13218-79)
MWM CD, mid-50s. Recent widower, CD as long as I can remember. Would like to join a TG community. Maybe I can help in some way.

## OHIO (434-457)

FRAN S.
(OH-M0848-K1016-79)
Retired, living in small town. Interested in senior citizens pre-op or post-op.willing to help novice. On hormones and coming out of the closet.

MICHELLE RICHARDS
(S-OH-P-M0954-K1005-81)
Mbr Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon, Empathy, FIL, Serenity, & Tiffany. Hetero crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 20 years to an A wife. An original organizer of Paradise. I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, girl talk, & picture-taking sessions. Need help on feminine voice. Started dressing at seven. Now in late 40s.

SUSAN KNIGHT
(N OH-P-M2053-K2450-80)
Divorced, hetero CD, 6', 185. Mbr Tri-Ess, Alpha Omega. Enjoy fishing, camping, & old movies. Dress anytime I can, absolutely love it. Still in closet, but dress with sisters who live close by. If you live in the Huron/Erie County area & feel alone & frustrated, maybe I can help. Discreet.

RHONDA MILLER
(OH-P-M2150-K2546-78)
Live in NW Ohio. Member of Glass City Sisters (Toledo), Alpha Omega, Tri-Ess. Married CD to supportive wife. 57, 5'7", 176. Attended Riverside '94/5. Pass easily. Go en femme. Doing the things other women do. Will answer all. Honest and sincere. Offer support and fellowship.

KRISTINE JONES
(OH-P-M3931-K8465-78)
Mbr Crossport. Be All '91-'95, Miss Be All '95. CD, tall & slender. Wish to be Kristine whenever possible. Elegant feminine presentation except for height. Love being well dressed & out for the evening. Especially enjoy sense of humor about Community. Would like to correspond with anyone.

LAURA A. SIMS
(OH-P-M3956-K6882-78)
MWM hetero, CD since age of four, 56, 5'9", 168, 40-34-38, blue eyes, blonde hair. Love everything feminine, mostly home dresser, however, have enjoyed Southern Comfort & a few Atlanta Sigma Epsilon meetings. Love girl talk, sharing experiences. Your photo gets mine. Answer all. PROMISE.

DANIEL G.
(OH-M4310-K9245-80)
Age 33, looking for friends in the Akron, Canton or Cleveland area with same interests. Mbr Paradise Club. Sure could use some friends! Thanks!

DENISE DAWSON
(OH-P-M4746-K8130-78)
Mbr paradise Club. attended dozens of conventions. Miss Femininity '93. single CD 39, 5'7", 132. Very passable & love fooling general public, although sometimes chicken. Interested in getting together with other very passable CD/TSs & GGs for good times. Your photo gets mine. Understanding GG desired for quality relationship.

KATHY GREY
(OH-P-M5044-K6767-80)
New mbr Crossport. MWM, CD/TV, 49, 6', 170, 14/16 (38-30-38) black hair, brown eyes. Wife doesn't know. Wish to correspond with all. Interested in all things feminine. Must be discreet. Want friends to share & learn makeup, dress, poise, voice. Want to dress with girls. Love lingerie. Working on photo.

ANTHONY LEWIS
(OH-M5128-K1118-79)
MWM. This longtime admirer of the transgendered would like to correspond with TV/TSs seeking male pen-pals, and to meet with a passable TV/TS interested in a closer relationship. Would like to find one special friend. I live in Medina County, will travel within 150-mile radius. Discretion is assured, expected.

STEPHANIE SHANE GEE
(OH-M5336-K6453-78)
Transsexual female, 38-29-36. Began my journey at seventeen. Seeking girlfriends in the southern & mid sections of Ohio. I am a sincere friend. Sweet, secure guys may also write. God bless & peace.

JILL AMBROSE
(OH-P-M5627-K7653-85)
Mbr Crossport. Hetero, married CD. Out of closet at Be All '95. Flew en femme to '96 Texas T Party. Attended '96 Holiday En Femme. Travel en femme frequently. Love to meet other TGs. Interests include country & western music, photography & railroads.

LAURA JANE WALKER
(OH-M5777-K5134-78)
CD/TG, 5'15", 39ish, body shaved, herbal estrogen since 4/95, getting softer, bumps, 43-35-45, 16-T. Started electrolysis, voice training. Secretary/housewife-type days; sexy! To clubs, dancing, fun. Loves industrial design career, bicycling, sewing, becoming more feminine daily. Seek tall, mature, confident friends for correspondence, shopping, nightlife, being completely woman.

LORIE E.
(OH-P-M5858-K1203-78)
MWM. CD. Would like to meet all those interested in the art of being a woman. Live in Columbus, Ohio but travel the whole US. Mbr CGS, crossport. I will answer all. Hope to here from all you girls. Thanks.

KAREN S.
(OH-M5873-K2386-78)
MWM, curious, shy, a bit scared. Would like to correspond with others who have supportive wives. I still live in secrecy. I will return all photos sent, and try to reply to all correspondence. Looking for friendship first.

## INDIANA (463-479(

YVONNE COOK-RILEY
(IN-P-MI009-KI8I8-99)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Finance Committee. Lifetime Mbr IXE. IFGE Trinity Award '91. Friendly, sincere individual who enjoys people involved in gender issues.

EDIE S.
(IN-M3329-K6627-82)
Mbr IXE, WM CD, gemini. Just coming out, easy going, very sincere individual who enjoys all people involved in gender issues. Power walker. Body fitness & excersise are my lifestyle. Many hobbies, gourmet cooking, bird watcher, beer maker. Love all kinds of music. Write me soon.

TEDDY K.
(IN-M3805-K8287-80)
MWM, non-supportive wife, mature, advanced CD. Mbr Tri-Ess, IXE & CIGA. Interested in writing, music, history, bicycling & tennis. Loving, enthusiastic & committed, but also prudent. Eager to help others in our lovely community. Will answer all letters. Photo if possible.

RACHEL L.
(IN-P-M4549-K9772-78)
Early thirties, shapely, passable & sincere CD. Dressing since age I6, out in public since 19. Enjoy the career look, makeup & fun looking outfits. Published in magazines worldwide. Dressing allows me to better express the feminity within me. It's just plain fun. Drop me a line.

CHERYL T.
(IN-M4766-K6251-78)
DWM, 50s, 5'8", 165, TG. Having returned in '94 to my home after many years living in California, am now in the TG Community for correspondence & conversation. You write & I will answer.

## MICHIGAN (480-499)

MILESA PHAR
(MI-P-M0976-K1068-75)
Transgender supporter of Be All, I2 years. Photography, motorcycle hobby, college lecturer, Crossroads past officer.

MARCIA ANN T.
(MI-P-M187I-K2173-79)
Tri-city area. Live half time as female. Dressing in public over 50 yrs. Also resident Delray Beach, Fla. Very anxious to correspond and possibly meet sisters who live near me in FL. Enjoy walking the beach, dining and shopping. Correspond with many girls and willing to help anyone needing assistance.

MARCIA K.
(S MI-P-M27I9-K4382-80)
MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. Enjoy golf, boating, travel & having a good time. Love pierced earrings, shoes & good looking clothes. Just started going out. Like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area to meet & go out.

JUNE ASHBY
(MI-M3079-K5674-78)
Mature crossdresser desires correspondence & meetings with other crossdressers or those who would like to try it. Advice to beginners & those who want to come out of the closet. Why stay there? Not a good place.

DIANE REED
(MI-M3740-K8200-85)
Some see things as they are and ask, Why? I see things as they could be and ask, Why not? TG, visionary, seeks mutually supportive dialog with sisters aspiring to or having successfully combined avocations, activism into full life's work.

JANNE MARIE DANIELS
(MI-M4094-K88I I-79)
SWM, born I947, hetero CD, 5'9", I60, I4, blue eyes. "nterested in reading, bicycling, rustic camping & enjoy wearing women's clothes. I am slowly slipping out of the closet & undergoing electrolysis. Would like to correspond & meet other CDs & females who understand CDs.

MICHELLE WILSON
(MI-P-M5098-KI I064-81)
MWM TV with strong TS tendencies. Seek others for pen-pals, friendship and adventure as I make the transition to full time womanhood. Looking to relocate soon and start a new life. Strong training and interests in quality, electronics, old airplanes, biking and backpacking. Most of all, enjoy being a woman. Will answer all.

SUZY D.
(MI-P-M5154-K11385-78)
Mbr Crossroads. 40s, 5'6", I40. Very feminine, passable CD who loves being a lady in all respects. Would like very much to correspond with sisters & gentlemen interested in our special world. Will respond to all!

## IOWA (500-528)

MICHELLE SCHEMANN
(IA-P-M5II7-KIII12-8I)
MWM, 5'6", 150. Novice CD maybe Bi. Blessed with natural girlish figure. Finally exploring my femme

self. Eager to share all aspects of feminine mystique & transformation. Have ventured out dressed. Looking for girlfriend to share ideas, experiences, fantasies, photos, etc.

## WISCONSIN (530-548)

LESLEY ANN SKOJEN
(WI-M3018-K5042-79)
44, 6'4", 190, CD with strong TS feelings. Dress in conservative fashions as often as possible. Would prefer to live in female gender. Still in closet. Interests include shopping for women's clothes, bicycling, music, movies, woodworking, auto racing. Searching for understanding woman. Seeking correspondence/meeting with TV/TS women.

FRANCINE RENAE
(WI-P-M3263-K6403-78)
There's nothing more to life than everyday living, there's loving, sharing, hoping, giving. I'm new at this, constantly learning. To meet my sisters I'm still yearning. I've met a few, which is great. our friendship is first rate. We can be ourselves, that is true. Let's correspond & be friends too.

TANYA K.
(WI-P-M3275-K4933-78)
MWM, 5'10", 175, ex-military, college grad, professional, religious background. Interested in music, aviation, religion & family. CD since childhood. Dress in hotel, but want to go out. Family does not know. Hope to tell wife. Like elegant styles. Like to hear from those with similar interests.

JAMI B.
(WI-M3456-K7120-79)
Transgendered/transsexual. Parent, spouse, friend, nurturer, professional. Still learning to love what I love. Grateful for life. I value growth, wisdom, simplicity, laughter, music, dancing, the beauty of community. Trying to live in integrity and joy.

CATHY A. BROWN
(WI-P-M3698-K8037-85)
Single, 5'9", 160, 39 and holding. Caring sensitive, been CD since early childhood. Completely enjoy and am proud of my feminine self. Would like to correspond/meet with sincere others for letter and photo exchange, girl talk, fashion, public outings, photography and mutual support.

LAURA B.
(WI-NP-M4513-K5814-81)
5'6", 170, blue eyes. Mbr Tri-ess Chi Chapter & Gemini Gender Group. Just started to go out dressed in public. What a great feeling! Pass with no problem. Looking for friends for outings to help improve my femme self. Tired of hiding.

GINA J.
(WI-P-M4632-K10214-78)
Tall, single & dedicated TG. Cherish the friends. Enjoy building, volunteer work, witty conversations & shopping for clothes. Would love to hear from other TGs & GGs who delight in warm HEARTS & THE FEMME MYSTIQUE.

STEPHANIE S.
(WI-M4757-K10727-78)
DWM, 5'10", 150. Finally coming out. Tired of suppressing Steffi. Need to experience life & express myself as a female. Two lovely daughters. Wonderful girlfriend accepting & interested in participating. Intelligent sensitive, N/S, humorist, sports enthusiast. Willing to meet, correspond. Frequently travel to Chicago.

KATHERINE MARIE
(WI-P-M4973-K8323-80)
Eclectic M to F TV. Former photojournalist, rodeo hand and restaurateur. Insatiable history buff, voracious reader, incurable romantic. Closeted by family ties and economic necessity. Looking to escape. Starved for correspondence and companionship. Need help with makeup and hair. How do women do it?

SANDY PINT
(WI-M5003-K8284-80)
I am becoming more accepting of the crossdressing part of who I am. Want to develop more fully both masculine and feminine sides, and then integrate both into a meaningful whole person. Would like help in that process.

RANDY D
(WI-M5124-K11175-81)
DWM, 5'7", 120. Creative skilled craftsman. Enjoy woodwrking, art, antiques, auto racing. Lifelong TG feelings. Bi-curious. Dress every day. Finally able to be who I was meant to be. Looking for friendships or more & help coming out from GG or TG. Entertain at home. Photo appreciated.

HEATHER ANNE NAPIER
(WI-P-M5539-K12153-80)
Divorced pre-op TS, mbr Chi Chapter Tri-Ess, IFGE, longtime gender blender. Live as F, work mostly as M. Frequent travel, some international, for employer. Share both of me with friends, neighbors, coworkers. Enjoy a quiet life with a major cat. Slow but happy to correspond.

## MINNESOTA 550-567)

VANESSA S.
(MN-P-M1168-K1159-80)
Married CD with supportive, loving spouse. Author of two pub-

lished books on CD and Christian spirituality. Strongly desire communication with others interested in developing a specifically transgender-based Christian theology, working toward a ministry meeting the many and diverse spiritual needs of the transgendered community.

DEBBIE DAVIS
(MN-P-M2396-K3143-79)
Director, Gender Education Center; VP, CLCC; Exec. Board, Lambda Justice Center. Married CD, 5'9", 12/14. Love being feminine & have fully accepted my feminine self. In public often. Direct extensive outreach and traing programs. Present at universities, medical and professional groups. Love sailing, wind surfing, water skiing, computing and SHOPPING.

## NORTH DAKOTA (580-588)

LAURIE C.
(ND-P-M4152-K8934-79)
Tall, slim, blue eyed blonde country girl. Educated retired professional who enjoys gardening, cooking, & computers. On hormones, but still spend some time as a male. Still deciding on a future path. Being somewhat geographically isolated, I would welcome any correspondence on CD/TG issues.

## ILLINOIS (600-629)

MICHELE MAGUIRE
(IL-P-M2125-K2516-80)
Officer: CIGA. CD, Mbr: CGS, IXE. Married (with children), 5'11", birth year 1955, Scorpio, Engineer, Historian, Musicologist, Philosopher, Scientist, university graduate (thrice), intelligent, crazy, realist, spective, observer, explorer, loner, Taoist, calm, humorous, optimist, non-smoker, sensitive, heterosexual, infrequent correspondent. Spouse supportive, but does not participate. Seeking the Tao of intergenderism.

PATTI W.
(IL-P-M2166-K2587-79)
Tall, fun-loving blonde who loves music, sports, going out, hypnosis and collecting hats and fans. Would love to meet or correspond with anyone who wants a 'nutty' girl friend.

JULIE M.
(IL-M2936-K5012-84)
MWM, mid-30s, CD with TS feelings. Don't dress often, wife doesn't know. Love to attend national events, meet others in our community. Passing is difficult at 6'3", but seeking the poise, style & confidence to do it. Like to write/meet other TG/ladies who understand.

JENNIFER THEISS
(IL-P-M2994-K5185-78)
Beautiful inside and outside lesbian pre-op transsexual woman. 5'11", 136, black hair, green eyes, tan skin. Twelve years living fulltime successfully as a general manager of a retail chain restaurant. Want to meet women or pretty transsexuals. Friendship, no men.

HEDY H.
(IL-P-M3569-K7483-79)
Stylish, mature TV wants well-groomed, nonsmoking beau or lipstick bi-lady for special friendship. I live alone, pass beautifully (see previous ads) wherever I please—club, museum, tea room, mall—and will meet Saint Louis business traveler. Scintillating letter/photo gets quick answer. I promise! Ciao!

JULIE ANN P.
(IL-M3962-K5840-81)
MWM, 5'9, 185. Interested in sporting events, fishing, women's fashions. Wife understands, but is not supportive. I dress when she is not home. I enjoy the feminine feeling when dressed. It helps me relax.

PAMELA ELAINE TRACY
(IL-P-M4904-K10896-79)
5'10", 165, 39 (and holding), hazel eyes, friendly. Interested in reading, all sports, woodworking, movies. Placing this listing to establish correspondence with other TV/CDs & women who love them. Love dressing sexy (in leather skirts, heels, seamed hose) or in fashionable business-woman look. Passion for sexy lingerie. Please write & include your photo.

JANE WHITNEY
(IL-M5031-K9199-81)
My life is flourishing and contented with five decades of the gift of femininity. Beginning at age, by curiosity was carefully indulged by an enlightened mother and friends. Their legacy of joy has endured and grown without regret, guilt or illusions. Word from those of similar mind is welcome.

JYL W.
(IL-M5114-K10788-81)
WM TV, 33, 135, 5'8", still not out. Love lingerie, hose, short skirts, high heels & feeling feminine. Looking for someone to help me become more passable & bring me out in public.

ROXANNE LAVERNE MITCHELL
(IL-M5185-K11230-81)
Mbr of IFGE, Chicago Gender Society, and ITI. It's Time Illinois. I like everything feminine. On hormones for 2 yrs. Want correspondence from all. Hobbies include photography and trains.

WENDY B.
(IL-M5225-K11614-78)
DWM 44, 5'11". Father of four who do not know about this part of me. Have been crossdressing occasionally since childhood. Now dress frequently when alone. Almost passable. Would love to go out en femme, but don't have the nerve. Love movies, fishing, theatre music, camping, partying, you name it.

MICHELLE G.
(IL-P-M5286-K11741-78)
DWM, 5'10", 180, 16, blonde hair, blue eyes. Love everything feminine. Not passable yet, working on it. Love to escort as a male. Seeking correspondence and/or meetings with couples, men, women. Live in small town, but can travel. Answer all. Pref photo.

ELLIE ALTMAN
(IL-M5428-K6992-79)
I am the mother of a 30-year-old female-male TS and have started a support group for friends and family in the Chicago area. Please write to find out more about the group.

ROBYN G.
(IL-P-M5682-K12560-78)
Older, affectionate, tall, slender novice TV. Am beginning to accept and increasingly embrace my true feminine being. Would love to share correspondence with and the company of sister TVs and understanding traditional females.

VALERIE K.
(IL-M5815-K10057-78)
M-F TV with TS feelings. Off and on with hormones. Born in 1970. Would like to hear from understanding genetic female, M-F TS/TV. My reply might be slow. Please forgive.

JEFF J.
(IL-M6087-K11907-79)
SW FTM TS, 5'7", 37. Like bicycle riding, road touring, rock music, contact sports, nature and wild life. I have always felt all alone as a TS. Interested in corresponding with TSs, especially FTM.

## *MISSOURI (630-658)*

ANGELA JOHNSON
(MO-P-M1162-K1308-81)
DBM, CD, 47, 5'55", 175. Movies, photography, music, new friends, girltalk and sports interest me. Looking to correspond with and meet other TV/CD/TS and understanding ladies. I enjoy going out as Angela. Sisters of color, where are you? Please write.

VANESSA T.
(MO-M4113-K8923-78)
DWM TV, mid-40's, passable, college graduate, semi-retired. Recently moved to SW Missouri. Enjoy all things feminine, & with others with same interests who are sincere. Love to shop. Would like to attend some CD events. Looking for CDs & women interested in CDs for friendship.

MICKI DANIELS-GREENWELL
(MO-P-M4610-K7131-78)
Hello. I'm Micki. Transitioned April '93. I'd like to see more support for TSs in the TG world. Working toward that end. If you are TS & want to get involved, or if you are just looking for a friend we need each other.

TRISH ELAINE KASTEN
(MO-P-M4805-K10267-78)
Pre-op TS, 5'11", 143, 32. Interested in sharing experiences, strengths and hopes. I am also a recovering alcoholic and addict. Five years. Has anyone else found recovery? Photo and phone gets same, but not required.

## *KANSAS (660-679)*

EVELYN BORDEN
(E KS P-M0400-K1329-80)
Tall, well educated, very passable TG interested in meeting others in the Kansas City area & sharing resource information. Open, understanding, helpful to others traveling same path.

SHELLY H.
(KS-P-M4627-K10171-78)
SW pre-op TS, 5'7", 150, 50. Member WTA. Have started transition and love it. Seeking friends and looking for SO to share my life with. I'm caring, loving and accepting. Love good music and crosswords. Varied other interests. Please write. Will answer all.

VERONICA MOELLER
(KS-P-M4893-K8412-79)
SWM TG, 5'7", 39, 145. Professional. Enjoy classical music, reading, movies, coffee shops and outdoors. Passable. I am moving towards TS and full time living. Seek friends to lend advice and experiences.

STALENA PAGE
(KS-P-M5342-K5379-78)
SW Pre-Op M2F, dress well, 5'9", 170. Seek friends & someone to share my life with: gentlemen, TS, CD. I'm understanding, compassionate & kind. A great person to know. Like all kinds of music & do many things. Please write, I'm lonely.

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## NEBRASKA (680-693)

DEBRA ANN F.
(NE-P-M1655-K1347-78)
Am fully out in my home town. Live about 25% as Deb. My loving wife, family and friends are educating alliance to what gender issues are all about. If you would like help in coming out, please write. We will gladly help.

JANELLE L.
(NE-M2958-K5055-78)
Mbr of Emerald City. 6'1", recently married, almost passable, non-smoker. Enjoy feeling feminine. Travel extensively, esp. the Pacific Northwest. Wife tolerates. Educated, friendly, pilot, physically active, computer-literate. Like to correspond & meet couples, CDs for discussion, activities.

TAMI DIANE
(NE-M3284-K6480-82)
I enjoy all that is feminine & wish to become more involved in the TV/TS community. Passable, 5'11", 37. Interested in making friends who are interested in our feminine ways. Intelligent, educated, & discreet. Enjoy going out en femme. Would like to meet sincere, understanding TV/TSs & genetic females for friendship.

DEE ANN W.
(NE-M4647-K9711-78)
Mbr RCGA. MWM. Lifelong closeted TV. Wife is accepting, but a lot of issues remain. Searching for integration of male & female sides. Enjoy corresponding with TV/TSs. We can learn from each other.

ANITA ANN WHITE
(NE-P-M5782-K12708-78)
34, TS, 6', 160. Have built many a wall due to shame and guilt to prevent me from having a congruent identity. Am now exploring the options.

JANET MELISSA B.
(NE-M6036-K11170-79)
44, 5'2", 150#, cute. Crossdressed since age 6. Family knew and tolerated it. Enjoy dainty thoughts. Hips are narrow, started medication late. Good voice, size 10 misses petite. Striving for 137#. Celibate, bi tendency. Please, Jesus, say, 'Talitha Koum,' to me. Ne'er-do-well. Physicians, please, charity.

## LOUISIANA (700-714)

ALICE HEBERT
(LA-P-M2964-K5098-80)
Mbr Gulf Gender Alliance. I am married to a very understanding, supportive wife, & am my most relaxed when I am a woman. I love being out among my sisters, & would welcome corresponding with them.

GINGER B.
(LA-M4366-K10089-80)
Financially independent, single, 6'1", 215, very infrequent CD needs a full-time French maid capable of caring for & sharing the good life on 15 acres with a home. You can live full time as a woman. Tell me about your dreams & needs. Let us trade letters & photos.

MARIAN B.
(LA-M5298-K3493-78)
5'7", 150, early 30s, pre-op TS. I like movies, reading, writing & American history. I would like to talk to other TSs. I have taken many steps forward & several back, but I am on the road to being the woman I am.

## ARKANSAS (716-729)

JANA H.
(AR-P-M2042-K2442-80)
Let's talk! Into dressing 13 years. Married, wife knows, helps, but not her thing. Late 50s, 5'7", 165. Former USAF pilot. Still working. Can't help it! Love it all, 38C to 5" inch heels. Into golf, photography, video. Possibly meet in AR, MS, LA. Always respond to everyone. Do it!

LARRY D.
(AR-M5247-K10478-78)
MWM. Never had a desire to dress, but have had a lifelong desire to know & associate with those who do. I respect who you are, & would love to hear from anyone, especially in Arkansas & nearby states. Would you like an understanding man's point of view?

LAURIE STARK
(AR-M5410-K11897-80)
5'8", 190, 39, single, TV/TS feelings. Like movies, Sci-Fi, romance, mountains, camping, SCUBA, dressing, classical gourmet cooking, fine wine, helping gender community, peace & quiet, air brush. Hope to start transition soon: electrolysis, hormones. Would like to develop friendships with women, couples, TV/TSs, & build lasting friendships.

STACI B.
(AR-P-M5550-K12188-81)
WM CD wishes to hear from TV/TS/CDs. Wife doesn't know, nor would she approve. My interests include sexy satin lingerie, photo exchange and possible meetings. I would love hearing from anyone with similar interests and will answer all. My greatest joy is being female and I want to share that with someone.

## OKLAHOMA (730-749)

GEORGIA HILBERT
(OK-P-M3108-K5304-78)
Mbr Tri-Ess, Delta Omega, Sigma Beta. Attended Texas T Party '92. MWM, retired. Wife accepts but non-supportive. So-so passer, but going out since '91. Interested in outdoors, nature, homemaking, crossdressing & transsexualism. Hope to do some writing. Like to meet & correspond with like-minded people.

ARLENE L.
(OK-M4664-K10321-78)
Pre-op TS, 5'10", 180lbs. Family nonsupportive. Passable, architect, boss knows, co-workers do not. Crossdressing since childhood. Divorced, two loving children. On hormones. Away from work I live as Arlene. Seek TSs for friendship. Quiet, sincere, passive, loving.

MEGAN STEWART
(OK-P-M5844-K12859-78)
SWM, 39, 5'10", 140, 36-32-35. Have extremely feminine shape and features. I want to leave the man behind and be who I am. Want to be someone's special lady. Looking for warm, loving honest relationship. Please send a nice letter.

## *TEXAS (750-799)*

CASEY COLE
(S TX-P-M1907-K2196-79)
Hetero, male CD, 44. Living with supportive life-mate. Active in Austin Second Image, Mbr of ETVC. Previous Mbr of Boulton & Park, Heart of Texas TV.

DANIELLE NOEL M.
(TX-P-M2691-K4242-79)
Mature, attractive, MWM, college, 5'11", blue eyes, ht/wt proportional. Interested in meeting attractive CD in area for weekly get togethers. Prefer slim to med. build, prof. male, 45-60, experienced long term CD activities. Wife knows, no participation. No drugs. Son at home prohibits dressing here. Corpus Christi area.

PHYLLIS RANDOLPH FRYE, ATTY
(TX-P-M2940-K4963-99)
Mbr of GCTC. Organizer of first International Conference on Transgender Law & Employment Policy. Out of closet & successful transgendered attorney. Like helping people out of closets, fighting myths & stereotypes. Will speak on TG issues. It isn't '76, this is the '90s. Come out! You're an OK person. Don't put up with the guilt & shame lie.

LIANA JAMES
(TX-P-M2949-K5062-81)
Interests include photography, computers, travel and having fun! I will answer all who write.

NANCY BAKER
(TX-P-M3186-K6109-79)
Mbr B&P & ASI. Attended Texas T Party '92-'95. Married to loving & supportive wife who helps with wardrobe selection & overall look. Interested in meeting others for socializing & conversation. Enjoy corresponding with others who have experienced or are interested in forced crossdressing & petticoat punishment.

KIM HUNTER
(TX-P-M3708-K8038-80)
Single, hormones since '92. Love music, intimate conversation, cooking, good wine. Other interests too varied to list. Seeking stable, healthy relationship. Send photo with letter. Would also like to hear from others in the Rio Grande Valley; friendship, support.

MARK J.
(TX-P-M4275-K2691-79)
M, self-employed, athletically fit. Seek attractive TG for friendship that could develop into a possible relationship. All answered with photo.

JOHN C.
(TX-P-M4603-K10106-81)
SWM, 5'10, 175, brown hair, blue eyes, educated, understanding of gender issues. Seek feminine, passable pre-op TS or other TG person 21-45 for quality relationship. Willing to correspond or travel to meet those interested. Photo, phone number appreciated.

LEE G.
(TX-P-M4622-K10161-78)
Central Texas TG. Member of Austin Second Image. Interests are androgynous everyday dressing, long distance motorcycle touring, the Gender Forum on America on Line. Interested in meeting others of a like mind and interests. Catch me online.

R. W.
(TX-P-M4790-K10551-79)
Kind & caring. Like downtown & foreign films, political science, drives in the country & cha-cha dancing. Advanced Karate. Would like letters.

ANGIE HONNE
(TX-M5248-K11646-78)
5'4", 130, WBiM. Married. She knows, but no support, only anger. Otherwise, closet TS. Need help & advice. I am alone. Looking for support & friendship. No smoking, mild drink, & I like music. Never been out, but I really want to be a woman.

MARY LEE
(TX-M5263-K11681-78)
Member of Delta Omega since 1986. Attended all T Parties except for one. Age in mid-60s. Reader, military retiree. Call Delta's hot-line for further contact.

BRENDA LOGAN
(TX-P-M5358-K6872-78)
Experimenting since a teen. Just recently started fully dressing, & am still somewhat closeted. Wife knows, but not fully supportive. Interested in fashion, glamour, makeup. Would like to make friends with like-minded sisters & exchange tips, photos & experiences. Active on Internet & AOL. Your letter & photo gets mine.

WENDY ROSE CAMPBELL
(TX-M5411-K5233-84)
SWM, pre-op TS, 6', 175. On hormones since 1987. Living full time as a woman since 1994. Interests: computers, cooking, dancing, travel and c/w music. Grad. Cornell and

Cordon Bleu, Paris. Wish to correspond/meet other TS/TG in Fort Worth Metro-plex area.

COLLEEN HELMS
(TX-M5531-K12231-80)
DWM bi-CD, 5'10", 180, red/blue. Relationship-oriented. Love lingerie & heels. Need help with makeup, wigs, & upper physique styles. Correspond by phone or mail. Photo appreciated. Can entertain or travel. Discretion assured. Peace & love (we need it)!

KELLI ROBERTS
(TX-M5615-K10415-80)
SWM, 5'7", CD. Former member WTGA. 1996 has been wild. Have traded the sands of West Texas for the sands of the Texas coast. Still enjoy hearing from sisters across the Lone Star state, looking for friendship and sharing info.

BETTIE ANN A.
(TX-P-M5616-K10064-80)
Mbr Delta Omega, Irving, Texas. Hetero, 61, 5'9, 150, widower. Wife was supportive. Crossdressing since age 12. I prefer living as a woman most of my free time. Enjoy going out. Passable? No one has said anything, & I never asked. I'm just an older woman.

DARLENE E.
(TX-M5811-K0239-81)
Divorced. Stepping out of the closet in miniskirts and high heels. Would love to help start a CD club in NE TX. Will answer all letters. Mbr IFGE, Metro-Plex CD Club.

KIM FISHER
(TX-P-M5847-K12862-78)
MWM, 40s, hetero, 5'7", 150, clean, easy going nonsmoker. Wife hostile so looking for supportive genetic female. Lawyer. Interests: getting dressed and going out shopping, dining, antiquing, etc. Please write for a quick reply and exchange photos.

BETTY ANN CRUZ
(TX-M5966-K3802-79)
Married, hetero CD. Wife and I enjoy shopping for both. I spend about two-thirds of my time as Betty. Haven't been out in public as Betty. Will try to answer all letters. Would like to hear from others in NE Texas.

SABRA SINCLAIR
(TX-M5978-K6690-79)
30-something, beautiful dark skinned, sexy dark eyes, post-op TS. 5'9", 126#, 38C-24-35. Widow with lez desires. Would love to hear from passable post- and pre-ops, handsome men, or those whose interests are leaning toward becoming TS. Interests are in the occult, music, lingerie, heels, cosmetics, dancing, dining, theatre, shopping.

JANA CLARK
(TX-P-M6060-K13209-79)
CD, 40s, 5'9", 160. Started dressing again after years of suppressed feelings. Interested in hearing from attractive, fem-looking TV or pre-op TS to share experiences with and possibly help me find my true inner self. Photo appreciated. What's your story?

KATE STEELE
(TX-P-M6071-K13237-79)
Lifelong CD, partially closeted, with supportive girlfriend and friends. Attended first gender event, Texas T, in '96. Looking forward to MORE: more opportunities to express myself, more friends in our community, more info about this life and how to dress for it. Also enjoy music, motorcycling, books and more.

## COLORADO (800-816)

M.L.
(CO-M2469-K3559-79)
Professional SWM, 32, 6'4", 220#. Educated and athletic. Enjoy travel, skiing, the beach and foreign films. Looking for an attractive, feminine pre- or post-op TS or TG for a loving, monogamous relationship and marriage. I can relocate.

JULIE RICHTER
(CO-P-M4522-K5164-81)
Barbara & I would love to hear from all the new friends we made at Be All '95. We forgot to get most of your addresses, so please drop us a line so we can share some of the great pictures with you. Hope to see you at Texas T and Be All this year!

JOANNE WILSON
(CO-P-M4620-K-82)9-78)
WM, 5'10", 175#, professional, fiftyish, spending more time en femme than not. Enjoy shopping, occasional bar-hopping, and golf. Poor corespondent, but will answer all. Currently on hormones and electrolysis. Would like to hear from others.

## WYOMING (820-831)

VERONICA B.
(WY-P-M4969-K7113-80)
SWM, 150, 6', CD. Love everything feminine. Enjoy changing looks & trying new things. Like to hear from open-minded, fun-loving people & meet with those in my area.

GINA S.
(WY-M5096-K11058-83)
MWM. mid-40s, CD/TG with TS inclinations.Seeking advice and support to achieve goal in coming out and being able to live a female life-style. Wife knows, trying to accept, but nonsupportive. I have much to learn about my femininity. Hearing from my sisters would be a great help.

LINDA ANNE S.
(WY-P-M5488-K12095-80)
MWM TS living full time with supportive SO and family. On hormones 1-1/2 years and looking forward to eventual SRS. I find SW Wyoming extremely accepting and would love to meet others in my area.

## IDAHO (834-839)

GERRI BECKEN
(ID-P-M3230-K6299-83)
6'0", 160, 42, single CD/TV. Interested in reading romance & Sci-Fi/fantasy, computers, long walks, & dressing. Will respond to all letters. Do pass in public. Please write.

HEATHER WILKINS
(ID-M5741-K1-12608-81)
Married with loving wife. CD, mid-30s, closeted. Would like to help build support for out community in S. Idaho/E. Oregon. I am ready to meet sisters and brothers. Will cherish words of advice from anyone in 'the family' that has started a club.

## *UTAH (840-847)*

ROBIN J.
(UT-M3339-K6618-78)
DW/CD/TS? Interested in corresponding/meeting others. Like music, shopping, outdoors & comedy clubs. I started accepting myself. Like to meet others who can see me in the same light. Looking forward to attending my first convention. Would like to know what to expect.

DANA M.
(UT-P-M5364-K11458-78)
MWM CD, 39 (for real!). Big on gettin' fixed up and gettin' out, especially dancing. Work lets me travel and have enjoyed meeting sisters in Boston, Atlanta, LA area, and Salt Lake City. Wife has participated little and does not understand. I am working on integrating my femininity into my daily life.

## *ARIZONA (850-864)*

JENNIFER E. SAMSOL
(AZ-P-M1056-K1467-78)
Mbr A Rose. DWM, 6', 175, 46, warm, caring, open professional. Interested in cooking, all music except hard rock, metaphysics, hunting, fishing, computers, camping en femme, sunsets, horses, & dogs. Fond of gold clothes, heels, & blonde hair, but also enjoy tight skirts & tight blouses, etc. Travel quite a bit. Write.

TOMMIE F.
(AZ-P-M1158-K1453-80)
Lifelong TG has a passion for panties, heels, hosiery and other lingerie. Has a large collection of panties, bras & slips. Wants to hear from other undies lovers. Also likes minis, bosomy look. Will correspond with sisters. Exchange photos and lingerie.

LAURIE K.
(AZ-M2777-K4607-80)
Hetero CD, 5'7", 130, slender, feminine figure, pass easily, considered realistic & attractive. Enjoy being sophisticated, fashionable woman of good taste. Like art, theater, literature, antiques, architecture, interior design, music, vintage wines, & fashions. Love to meet/write CDs in Phoenix area, elsewhere.

CINDY N.
(AZ-P-M4047-K8782-78)
Mbr Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Married, 5'7", size 18. Interested in photography, desert 4-wheeling, and, of course, shopping.

RASHEL R.
(AZ-P-M4084-K8769-78)
Mbr Tri-Ess, Alpha Zeta, A Rose. Single, hetero CD. President Alpha Zeta, 1994. Attended California Dreamin' '93, '94, Holiday En Femme '93. Love to network with serious sisters. Out of the closet, out on the town & enjoying life, clubbing, sisterhood & being me.

REBECCA B.
(AZ-P-M4791-K1362-78)
Mbr Alpha Zeta, Tri-Ess. Love being fem. Retired, 5'10", 210. Dress anytime. Work with wood. Design SW style furniture. Like shopping & meeting TGs. Will send photo to all who write.

ANONOMOUS MALE
(AZ-M4888-K8301-80)
SWM, 45, professional, moderately financially independent in five years. Seeking young, feminine, early stage 'true' pre-op for loving, caring monogamous relationship. Prefer a TS on natural hormones and who is highly erotic by nature. Please send photo and description.

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CATHERINE SMITH
(AZ-P-M5208-K11545-81)
SW, 33, Supporting Member IFGE. Very shy, self-employed carpenter specializing in kitchens and bath remodeling. Will work most anywhere. Interests include camping, music, reading, cooking, being creative, religion. No sexually explicit letters, please.

H. THAU
(AZ-M5366-K10430-78)
Romantic, loyal, incarcerated man. Pisces, homeowner, professional chef, German-Irish nationality, 6', hazel-eyes. Want fem post-op for marriage. Will provide home, security, all my love. Pre-ops write! Answer all.

KAY JULIA A.
(AZ-M5603-K3757-80)
50s, tall, post-op TS. Enjoy dancing, reading cooking, traveling and live theater. Would like to correspond and meet women and men with compatible interests for mutual support and comfort. Am delighted with my new life. Let's have fun!

## NEW MEXICO (870-884)

RENEE G.
(NM-M4200-K7141-79)
34, 5'8", 145, closet CD. Love heels, hose, lace & lingerie. Interested in corresponding, photo exchange, & meeting some new friends. Will answer all.

THONG SANDI TAPAGANDA
(NM-P-M4342-K3848-80)
Gay (happy) Transvestite, learning to get in touch with my feminine self. 5'7", 155, thirty-something. Very finely sculptured, completely hairless, athletic body. Activities include nudism, ballet (on pointe!), several sports, & phantasy photography. Am very open-minded, so when writing feel free to express your true self!

## NEVADA (890-898)

DEBRA NICHOL
(NV-M4789-K1292-79)
This is a gift that this happy TG shares with all you readers. Hope there are more of you here who would like to enjoy our southern Nevada sunshine.

## CALIFORNIA (900-960)

LAURA R. COVINGTON
(CA-P-M0480-K1659-78)
DBM, Hetero, 5'8", 140. Wish to correspond, exchange photos and meet other TGs/GGs. Been dressing long & realize I'll never stop. Enjoy it too much. In contact with many people that feel the same.

LORRAINE HALL
(CA-P-M1150-K1648-80)
An older lady who ten years ago, after many years of denial,, could no longer hide from who and what I was. I always enjoy hearing from others with whom I can share triumphs, experiences and problems.

KATE GOLDMAN
(CA-P-M1652-K0760-78)
Passable, 5'8", sz 12. Great sense of humor, discreet & sensitive. love sharing ideas with other girls. Like makeup, adventures, photography & 'puters. Want to achieve a totally fem image & persona. Out at last & loving it.

RACHAEL D.
(N CA-P-M1811-K1957-79)
Lifestyle changing. Very happy just going out as a woman, doing regular stuff: shopping, errands, etc. I pass well. TG group meetings secondary. Still belong RGA, ETVC, DVG.

MELISSA M. FOSTER
(S CA-P-M2099-K1518-81)
WCD enjoys meeting people who have the same interests & that enjoy going out & having fun. I travel extensively & love meeting people & visiting groups. I am presently very involved in the community & very much enjoy helping those who are looking for info or help.

LISA HUNTER
(CA-M2112-K2522-80)
Have lived as a woman most of my life. Age 24, bisexual TV. Interested in pen-pals only.

BOB DAVIS
(CA-M2620-K1631-80)
Mbr ETVC, IFGE. Collector of TG books, periodicals & ephemera seeking to correspond with others & compare collections. Willing to buy, trade or sell. All letters & inquiries will be answered, but I apologize in advance for making you wait. A special note to dirty minds: I'm very happy in my current relationship. My lover & I do not welcome salacious solicitations.

CAROL LEE
(CA-M2798-K4622-78)
Heterosexual-oriented TV. I pass reasonably well. Am happy to correspond or meet similar individuals who are interested in photography, shopping, beautiful clothes, or just sharing our mutual interest in dressing.

LUCY ANN JONES
(CA-M2833-K4704-80)
Mbr ETVC. Blue eyes, long auburn hair, 6'1", 180, post-op M-F (12-21-82) Biber Girl, 16T, self-employed computer consultant, voice coaching, & astrology. Pisces sun sign, moon, Scorpio rising, something with Aries. Bi-lesbian in relationship with genetic female for eight years. Your SASE & photo gets mine.

JUDI BENSEN
(CA-P-M3063-K4877-81)
MWM, hetero CD. Wife has observed & assisted, but does not understand. I adore our feminine side. Been away for a while, am seeking pen-gals for better understanding.

BILLIE JEAN JONES
(CA-P-M3205-K6197-99)
Mbr ETVC, DVG, RGA, SGA, CGNIE, SLCC. Attended ETVC Cotillion, Fantasia Fair, Miss ETVC 1992. Late 30s (like 45), 6', 150, children (23, 20), 2nd marriage (whadda year!), Androgyne, gender bender, numerous scars, offbeat personality.

Interested in blabbing, writing, photography, music, discovering diversity, living fully, making a difference, laughing. Publish *Genderflex* Contributors welcome. This is my real life.

LAURA RODGERS
(CA-P-M3627-K7688-79)
60+, 5'10", 160, retired. Member SGA. Long time CD/TV. No longer in closet. Enjoy going out to meetings, dinners, and in general enjoying relationships with other sisters. Would love to hear from you, especially Sacramento area.

KATRINA REED
(CA-P-M3677-K7999-79)
TG, Bi, androgynous, on hormones, supportive wife. Delight in all that is soft & feminine. Fascinated by issues of transformation of consciousness, magic & shamanism implicit in crossdressing historically. Counter-culture orientation. Teacher of Buddhism, Meditation & Deep-ecology. Love to hear from others, especially in S CA.

CHARLI RICHARDS
(CA-P-M4068-K8799-78)
Dressing since childhood, but only recently began to explore femme self. Joined Tri-Ess, but was not able to attend meetings. Wife not accepting, so dress in private. Enjoy shopping & love feeling of nylons & heels. Enjoy travel fishing, home construction & repairs. Semi-retired. Will reply to all.

MARY R.
(CA-P-M4140-K8927-78)
Like to meet CDs in Bay area; NS. Love heels, dancing, partying. Dressing for over 10 years. Want to socialize and go out more. I really have an appreciation for you dressed up. Write so we can talk by phone, correspond or meet.

ANN SMITH
(CA-M4351-K9593-80)
Loving, warm, successful professional interested in other successful, professional TVs. My goal is to understand the relationship between crossdressing and business/professional success. I want to meet and discuss this. Lifelong crossdresser. So. Cal.

LORI M.
(CA-P-M4747-K10546-78)
MWM, novice TS/TG, very discreet, wife non-supportive. Still in closet. Enjoy computers, movies & photography. Would like to meet big sister in the Antelope/San Fernando Valley area who can teach me to become the lady I long to be.

KAREN ADLER
(CA-P-M-5172-K11409-81)
I'm a good listener, friendly company, confident (135, 5'7") MTV. Maya Angelou's Phenomenal Woman says it best, '. . . when I try to show them, they say they can't see, I say it's in the click of my heels, the sun of my smile, the grace of my style . . . that's me . . . '

GLENDA S.
(CA-P-M5388-K1175-79)
SWM, 37, 6'1", 180, size 11, tall, slender. Enjoy CD in tight clothes and becoming as sexy as I can. Wish to meet same or TV/TS. Exchange letters, photos, videos. Answer all. Have enjoyed all responses and exchanges since appearing in Transgender Tapestry, and hope for many more.

RANDI GARNER
(CA-M5412-K7439-80)
TS full time. ETVC/SIS/Cal Dreaming '96. New to San Francisco after coming from small mountain town in No. Calif. Will answer all.

PAULA W.
(CA-P-M5471-K1669-79)
Mbr RGA. 5'9", 53, MWM. Want to meet other like-minded sisters who enjoy the CD life-style. Have gone out dressed a few times. Interests include hiking, ocean walks, gardening, music, & shopping. Wife & family unaware of my feminine side. Would like to write to & exchange photos with femme sisters & genetic ones.

JAN JENSEN
(CA-M5494-K12112-80)
MWM bi-TV/TS inclined, 55, 6', 195, 18. Wife okay to a point. Dressed all my life. Wear lingerie at all times. Go out occasionally. Love everything femme. On hormones since '84. Love to hear from anyone self-employed. Design, fabricate, repair, restore race cars & street rods.

CHRISTINE MACALUSO
(CA-P-M5917-K6887-79)
Post-op TS, 33, 5'6", 140. Like everything about being a woman. Strong lesbian inclinations. Looking for friends with similar background or aspirations.

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KEN KIRKER
(CA-P-M6098-K13318-80)
SWM, 6'4", 220#, hazel/blue eyes, 34. Seeking very feminine, attractive, busty pre/post-op TV/TS or CD with long hair for LTR, possibly marriage. Enjoy long walks, beaches, romantic evenings, long, passionate kisses (they're guaranteed to curl your toes). Will answer all with photo, phone.

## OREGON (970-979)

RHONDA F.
(OR-M2708-K4343-79)
5'10", 165, still in closet. Wife knows & is tolerant. Small town paranoia. Traveling in Oregon & most outdoor activities. Love lingerie & TV fiction books, & have large collection of both. Love catalogue shopping.

HEATHER B.
(OR-P-M4689-K9843-78)
6' MW TV, still in closet. Too nervous to venture out. Seek friends for correspondence. Enjoy cooking, history (B.S.), Sci-Fi, shopping and the world of femininity. Wonderful wife knows and is supportive to an extent. TS thoughts have been strong lately. Answer all with photo.

ANNALEE WADE
(OR-P-M6045-K12663-79)
38, Gemini, very masculine-appearing lesbian. Enjoy poetry readings. Favorite authors include Audre Lorde, Minnie Bruce Pratt. Would like to hear from F2Ms. Peace!

## WASHINGTON (980-994)

BARBARA BARRETT
(WA-P-M0258-K0560-83)
Mbr NWGA, Emerald City. 5'10", 160 CD. Like music, fashion, movies, camping, meeting sisters. Have supportive SO. Comfortable with myself. Value friendship, honesty, sincerity, discretion. Enjoy small social gettogethers & CD events. New to Olympic Peninsula area. Will answer all.

SANDY S.
(WA-P-M1022-K1728-79)
VP Emerald City. Participant Esprit '90, '91. 185, M, blond, blue eyes. Like CD, boating, computers, camping, flying. Enjoy going out & doing the town. Would like to meet others, wives too. Passable. Been to several very public affairs & look forward to more. Want to be accepted as the middle-aged lady I am.

JUDY OSBORNE
(WA-P-M1024-K1719-80)
Mbr Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess. Enjoy sailing, reading, sports, cooking. Learning to sew, but not very good yet. Love being out in the world doing the things other women do, having fun.

LINDA LOUISE S.
(WA-M4001-K8609-78)
Feminine MWM/Lesbian TV, love beauty in nature, music, femininity & caring relationships. Unsupportive spouse restricts life for now. Seek feminine M-F TV of F who is loving & accepting. Friendship now, more later. Only sincere letters answered: be interesting, caring & romantic.

LORRIE T.
(WA-P-M4057-K7891-78)
MWM, 49, 10. CD with supportive wife wishes to correspond with others. Very much want to make friends and dress one-on-one with other CDs in OR/WA. Not looking for sex, just good friends. Please write and I'll respond. Photo appreciated. Let's enjoy our feminine selves together.

STACY ELAINE DAVIS
(WA-M4919-K10876-80)
Feminine, DSWM lesbian TV. Love beauty in nature, music, feminine & caring relationships. I am a smoker, 6', 220. Love shopping & wearing all the things that other women do. I like to read Transgender, Woman Talk & watch daytime soaps.

S. DEVAUX
(WA-M5306-K11778-78)
Closeted WM CD, 40s, at a crossroad. Looking for new experiences, lifestyles. Anglophile, considerate. Like to find employment related to community. Would consider escorting passable TV/TS. Interested in history & identifying means by which community can gain acceptance. Will attempt corresponding.

DOROTHY LEIGH GUSTAVSON
(WA-M5520-K12189-80)
SWM, 5'3", auburn hair, blue eyes, wants letters from CDs everywhere. Have lived full time as a girl since age 16, thanks to mother's approval & encouragement. Got permission to spend a summer in her clothing. I was hooked & never looked back.

DOUG S.
(WA-M5996-K4638-79)
SWM, 36, masculine, nonsmoker, handsome and heavy set. Seeking a loving long term relationship with a pretty pre-op TS, any race. If you are happy with your unique sexuality, please write with photo. I will send mine. Very sincere.

## ALASKA (995-999)

BOBBIE WENDY TUCEY
(AK-P-M3314-K6591-79)
Mbr Berdache Society, Alaskan T-People. Attended Alaska Coronation '92, '93. WHM, 51, 5'5", 135. Supportive wife & grown & gone children. Interested in computers, art, play guitar & flute. Spend all my non-work time as a woman, & go out a lot. Love to communicate. Photo appreciated.

TRISH PLUMB
(AK-M3480-K7185-81)
I'm a 40-something CD. Would enjoy corresponding with other CDs, particularly those in Alaska. All letters will be answered.

# CANADA

ROBYN V.
(CAN-P-M2449-K3392-78)
Mbr Gender Mosaic, Ottawa, & Xpressions, Toronto. Hetero TV, married, family, living SE Ontario. Like theater, classical & other music, skiing, & boating. Love to shop, dine & enjoy others en femme. Travel to NYC, Toronto, Ottawa & other cities. Could we get together sometime? Please write. Photos appreciated.

GLEN M.
(CAN-P-M2740-K4423-79)
Attended Coming Together '91, '92, '93, Fantasia Fair '91, '92, Be All '94, Erie '94, Harry Benjamin '93. SWM hetero, 5'11", 165. Interested in running, banjo playing, friendships, relationships, golfing. As a 'male-dresser,' regardless of role, I am always 'a man.' Passing not important. Presentability, relating & decorum essential.

ERICA JAYNE R.
(CAN-P-M3323-K6583-78)
'88 Coronation Ball. 5'10", 170, single. Friendly, fun, & outgoing. Like flying, motorcycling, all things fem. Love going out as Erica. Out to friends. Want friendship & girl-talk. Open, honest, & discreet. Want to hear from others, esp. in Vancouver/Seattle area. Photo/phone nice.

WENDY HOULE
(CAN-M4606-K10132-81)
Divorced, single parent with four children to take care of. TV/TS, late 30s, dressing all my life. Want to correspond and/or meet other CD/TS/GG for helping me to improve my femme side. Looking for help & support. No sex letters.

DAWNA TRACY
(CAN-P-M4787-K2066-79)
Bi-pre-op TS, 30s, Mbr Xpressions (Toronto). Cross-live P/T. 6', size 16, seek new job, very public, hormones upgraded, 75% through electrolysis. Love music, laughter, sensuality, travel. Frustrated by estranged family/close friends. Feel fulfillment & self realization. Love career girl/party looks. Dream of Platonic mentor for career.

GLENDA T.
(CAN-M4809-K9040-80)
Early 40s, single, hetero CD, 5'3", 155lb., Mbr of Cornbury. Never been out, but perhaps... Interests include musical theatre, travel & sports. I'd like to meet/correspond with sisters & supportive ladies in Victoria & Canada.

JERI CARLA
(CAN-P-M5404-K2800-79)
Twenty years fem, 6', 220 on the way down. Sometimes passable, sometimes dress while shopping. Love to chat. Enjoy the outdoors, fishing, shooting, reloading, motorcycles, mountains. Looking for a woman to be my husband.

REBECCA ANN BENTLEY
(CAN-M5512-K12155-80)
6'3". Love dressing up in suits, high heels, stockings, makeup. Would like to hear from other CDs in the Kingston area. Still looking to go out in public and to parties. I like movies, dancing. Sometimes I go to Toronto and Ottawa to help bring my feminine self out.

MICHELINE FRENCH
(CAN-P-M6067-K12255-79)
5'11", 44. Wish to meet and visit her sisters in Canada and USA, mainly during summer and Christmas time. Like to dress, to live and to shop all week as a woman. Seeking new friends to do social activities together with. Please write me.

MONICA MARTIN
(CAN-P-M5638-K9601-81)
MWM, professional. Striving for fulltime living with understanding SO. Likes: music, sports & making friends. Write if you have similar likes.

# AUSTRIA

SUSANNE ANDERS
(AUSTRIA-M2774-K4604-80)
Hetero CD, dressing since youth, end 50s. Member IFGE, Tri-Ess. Wife accepts, but not supportive. So-so passer, but going out. Travel extensively in Europe and USA: Fall Harvest, Fantasia Fair, Holiday En Femme, etc. Would like to correspond with CDs and partners. Like travelling, mountains, music, fashions.

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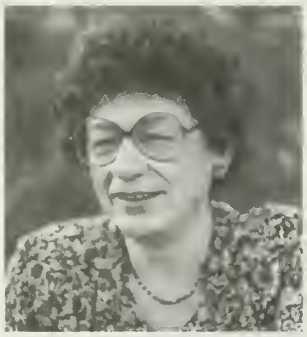
## YUGOSLAVIA

IVANA (EVE) S.
(YUGOSLAVIA-P-M5349-K4473-79)
Mbr of Rose's. CD, TS inclinations. Looking for mature person/couple who can help & enjoy my transformation. Have refined taste for clothes, lingerie, shoes. Love stockings, corsets, high heels. I'll be your mistress, maid, wife or friend.

## AUSTRALIA



KYM AYRES
AUS-P-M4559-K9888-77
Treasurer Seahorse Society NSW. MWM, CD, 5'5", 130, 10/12, arts teacher, degree in Visual Arts and Art History and Criticism. Practising artist. Likes: the arts, music, writing, photography. Accepting and supportive SO. Like to correspond with other CDs.

## BRAZIL

RICK. G.
(BRA-M4560-0990-81)
30-years-old, single, bi. "I would like to make friends with TV/TS/CDs. I love lingerie and high heels. I can travel anywhere. All letters answered.

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### Travel

American Airlines, the 1996 IFGE Diversity Award recipient, is the official airline for this event, and special rates can be obtained by calling 1-800-433-1790, referencing our STAR number S5347AB and mentioning California Unity. Ground Transportation from LAX to the Queen Mary is $11 through L.A. XPRESS, with a discount coupon that will be provided to all pre-registrants.

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# TRANS-COMMUNITY

## What's Doing at TG Clubs and Organizations Around the World

Over in the British Isles, the **Beaumont Society** (London, UK) gals have been keeping busy...Beaumont newsletter Editress Emma Louise Ward trekked down to Wolverton's Blue Banana disco where she won the coveted Drag Queen of the Month award at the "Three Counties Ball"...Speaking of trekking, Beaumont member Helen disports herself all over the pages in a cute little Star Trek costume in the new issue...Another member, Millie, warns not to carry stainless steel tea kettles on British airlines as hers was confiscated during boarding as a dangerous item and returned only at the end of the flight much the worse for wear, though like most of us, Millie would rather take her chances with kettle-swinging terrorists than those armed with automatic weapons...Meanwhile, in Bournemouth, everything was coming up Bunnies as the southern members of the Beaumont Society held one of their fabled weekenders at the Laguna Hotel, complete with a Bunny Girl Contest with a host of entries including the Bunny from Hell, a Pensioner Bunny, Bunny Mummy and other furry-tailed long-eared costumes...**Sacramento Gender Association's** (Sacramento, CA) Julieanne offers the kind of "humble" apology for distress to other club members for "actions, reactions caused by my inflated ego and big mouth" that a few more of our sisters might consider offering their cohorts from time to time...On her way to **Canada Emerald City Girl** (Seattle, WA) Stephi had an experience just like *Just Like a Woman* when she spotted a coworker at a Starbuck's along the way; the coworker failed to notice Stephi at all, leading her to conclude, "If you are confident and come across just like a woman, no one will recognize you"...It was love in bloom, or at least among the greens, for Joyce H. of **Sigma Epsilon** (Roswell, GA), who was dressed as a French maid at the time, when she met a "lady with a great smile" while standing in line at the salad bar on a Sig Esp outing; after a few dates, Be-All, and SPICE, the twain are engaged and lucky Linda knows where she can find a willing maid when the house needs cleaning; planning a salad buffet for their reception...Luminary Leslie Feinberg of **FTM International** (Oakland, CA) is still suffering from an undiagnosed and very expensive illness, with NO medical insurance, and is in desperate need of donations to finance even minimal health care, so send those contributions in to Leslie Feinberg Health Fund, c/o William Saches, Esq., 370 7th Ave, 7 Penn Plaza, # 830, New York, NY 10001...Meanwhile, over at **the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force** (Washington, DC), Executive Director Melinda Paras is stepping down so she can return to San Francisco and have children with long-time partner, Barbara Englis, luck and kudos to her incoming Executive Director, Kerry Lobel...**Tau-Chi** (Houston, TX) girl, Pepper Sue Tharp shares the story of a night she took a walk en femme through a local park, only to be grabbed from behind by a mugger who ripped her dress down front and broke a bra strap, which proved his undoing when the water-filled balloon Pepper Sue was using in lieu of a breast form flew directly into his face, at which point, before the startled mugger could recover, our gal bopped him a good one on the honker and dashed back home safely...Meanwhile ECTV's (San Francisco, CA) own Bobbie Bentley has been elected to the board of directors of the San Francisco LGBT Pride Celebration...They say magicians never tell and apparently CDs don't either, at least **Tennessee Vals** (Nashville, TN) gal Jennileigh Love kept mum about the possibilities with surgical tape when a group of lesbians

asked her where she got her spectacular cleavage...Whoops! Guess we gave her secret away after all...As this is written, IFGE's (Waltham, MA) beloved Joan Hoff lies in the hospital with phlebitis, surrounded by our good wishes and doubtless those of the entire TG community...Over at the **International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy** (Houston, TX), Phyllis Frye and company are open for legal referrals at (713)777-8452...Here's a great fund-raising idea any TG club could follow: the **Gulf Gender Alliance** (Biloxi, MS) is selling T-shirts with the GGA logo on them...Might be a bit difficult to get the entire ICTLEP name on one, though...Not every politician is transphobic, just ask Manhattan Surrogate Judge Karen Burstein, who proudly posed for a photo with supporters Queen Allyson, Cindy Chan and Christy Lyn of the **Imperial Queens and Kings of New York** (New York, NY)...Talk about gall, stones that is, literary transwoman Stephanie Castle Heal of the **Zenith Foundation** (Vancouver, BC) was recently rushed to the hospital to have them removed, ironically five years to the day after her SRS...Try not to let this become a habit, Steph...Congrats to Jane Ellen Fairfax of **Tri-Ess** (Houston, TX) and Dallas Denny of **AEGIS** (Atlanta, GA), who shook hands at Southern Comfort and resolved differences that could have potentially divided the community...Now, if certain other putative TG leaders could follow their example and put the good of the whole community ahead of ego-based disputes...The **Buffalo Belles** (Amherst, NY) were a member short at a recent meeting...Reason? Newsletter editor Kathy Lorraine couldn't make it, but with a good excuse, seems she "had a bad hair day, a broken fingernail, a run in her hose and very bad cramps"...The good folks down under at **The Gender Center** (Petersham, NSW) are really moving, developing support groups for families of TGs, for F2Ms, and a 12-Step program for TGs themselves...Local clubs seem to keep hitting the outreach trail these days, newest is the **Gulf Coast Transgender Community** (Houston, TX) group sending a TG speaker to a University of Houston gender issues seminar to educate health care providers on how to deal with TG patients...Outreach had reached dizzying proportions at the **Crossdressers Heterosexual Intersocial Club** (Los Angeles, CA), where they have sent delegations to expound on TG matters to California State College at Long Beach, California State Northridge, Long Beach City College, Antioch College, Mira Costa College, Pacifica Institute, and Orange Coast College...In reverse, it was the academics visiting the TG clubs when sex and gender therapist Nancy Strapko, Ph.D., dropped in recently at a gathering of **Gender Talk North** (Keene, NH) to talk about the value of support groups for TG people...It's no surprise to anyone that the dynamic Jessi Martin, the well known TG video goddess, was re-elected President of **Innvestments** (Orleans, MA) or maybe the voters just thought she would practice her wizardry and make them the next TG video star...Out east, the members of **Long Island Femme Expression** (Lake Ronkonkoma, NY) spent the summer presenting TG education workshops to those working on local crisis hotlines like Response of Suffolk and the LI Gay and Lesbian Hotline...The girls at **Tau Lambda** (Tallahassee, FL) are setting a new tradition other TG groups might consider emulating: "shared en femme churchgoing" at the Sunday service of the United Church of Christ where they hold their monthly meetings, with results reported as "warm" and "encouraging"...Over at **Chi Chapter** of Tri-Ess (Wood Dale, IL) members were stunned to see VP Miranda Stevens wearing a Transexual Menace T-shirt, and "no" Miranda wasn't shedding her image as a heterosexual CD and coming out as a TS, as several people mistakenly thought; she just wanted to make the point that when the Menace demonstrates "they are demonstrating for every TG's rights"...Debra Ann of the **Memphis Transgendered Alliance** (Memphis, TN) achieved many a CD's dream when she went out shopping and to dinner with both her daughter and granddaughter, and although granddaughter kept calling her "Papa," "all went well" according to Debra Ann as a great time was had by everyone involved...Lori of the Northwest Gender Alliance, filled with a golden glow of good fellowship after a wonderful first day "out" dressed as a woman at a regional TG conference, pulled into a local gas station only to have the youthful male attendant destroy her self-confidence and enthusiasm by saying witheringly, "Thank you, sir!" after she paid the bill, but our girl didn't let it get her down and got back into the swing of things again the next day, even to the extent of driving somewhat trepidatiously back en femme to the same gas station, where this time a young female attendant who waited on her restored all Lori's good feeling by smiling warmly and complimenting her on her perfume...**Chicago Gender Society** (Chicago, IL) President Olivia Connors polled members on whether they felt Dennis Rodman's public cavortings en femme were a positive or a negative for the TG community; results were 31 positive, 2 negatives and 7 mixed...the SISters at **Swan's Inner Sorority** (San Jose, CA) have just elected Jill Johnson their new Head-Princess, and no wonder considering Jilly's efforts as big sister, recruiter and frequent contributor to their newsletter...Our readers should take warning from the experiences of Stephanie James at **the St. Louis Gender Foundation** (St. Louis, MO) who couldn't write the column she intended for their December newsletter, seems she loaned out her copy of *Transgender Tapestry* #76, which she had planned to use as a departure point in her writings, and the person she loaned it to never returned it; not the first time we've heard that story, Steph, but our Editress-in-Chief has Priority Mailed you a copy so you can write that column, just don't let it happen again, those who lend out our publication frequently reported they never see them again...**Transexual Menace** (New York, City) founder Riki Ann Wilchins has just been elected Executive Director of the newly-incorporated non-profit TG lobbying organization **GenderPAC**, now if only she could learn to spell transsexual...At Fall Harvest, members of **Iowa Artistry** (Cedar Rapids, IA) threw a combined cocktail party and book signing for Dr. Randi Ettner, and to no one's surprise, copies of her *Confessions of a Gender Defender* vanished from the tables as fast as attendees could grab them and join the line...Hey, girls! It's still scary out there according to Cluadette Fay Eikenberry of **Trans-Port** (Portland, OR) who was spotted en femme riding the bus by two people who harassed her verbally and deliberately followed her home in a menacing fashion, after recognizing her as being Chair of the local Human Rights Committee when her male self.

-JMS

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candles. Our group was already in place in a circle around the table, ready to sing, "Happy Birthday." The crowd joined in with laughter when the husband of the birthday girl pushed his right sleeve up to show a tattoo which had been painted on to his muscular upper arm. His message came through loud and clear. "Hey you guys out there! I am all man, but it is OK to show a softer side."

Something magical began to happen. A wave of support spread through the dining room. Passengers stood to their feet to give an ovation. The staff turned on the music, and dancing broke out all across the huge room. We felt the inhibitions drop with a giant thud clearly heard throughout the formal atmosphere. The music in the air was not chamber music which one would expect in an environment in which the mood is set by candlelight and roses. We found ourselves rocking to the sounds which screamed out, "Move away from stereotypes. Join in the fun. Life is too short for inhibitions!" Dancing continued between the tables, and smiles were broad and contagious.

By then our group was firmly bonded to the dental office and the macho guys from the golf team. We even joined in when they bellowed, " Macho, macho, macho man!" About this time a plan started to form. All three groups would come to dinner, en masse, dressed in Toga.

The next night, about an hour before dinner, we gathered in one of the cabins to get dressed in the flowing gowns made of white bed sheets borrowed from the cabin boys. Observers watched our wives as they demonstrated love and support for their husbands. Each of us made sure the robes were beautifully draped, all hair was in place under the head piece, and no bra straps were showing on the bare shoulders.

Then, at the appointed time, all three groups entered. There were no distinct lines separating the transgendered from the golfers and the dental staff. The groups had bonded, and we moved as one. Once again, the other people on board were moved as well, and the "ice" was broken. Laughter replaced the more subdued mood of formal dining, and support continued to grow. The following morning the Purser's office told us they had been swamped with requests from passengers in the first sitting to be changed to late sitting. Word was out that the "neatest folks on board were in our group."

Our experience reached a climax on the night of the talent show. Jody had entered a few days before. What we did not know, however, was that the entertainers on board had given Jody an extra measure of coaching. Other contestants preceded her, and sang in average voices center stage, with little animation. Then it happened! Jody was announced by the Cruise Director, the curtain lifted, and Jody appeared like a beauty queen. Standing in a beautiful back drop of stars, she gracefully moved before us. The stage crew released the smoky fog from beneath the floor as she began a sultry lip synch to full orchestration. She moved through the audience, gently stroking the bald heads she found within her path, and perched upon a lap or two. The crowd roared, and when the song had ended everyone was standing with a dramatic voice of approval.

At the conclusion of the act Jody led everyone in "Happy Birthday" as one of the entertainers approached the front of the auditorium. Our group gathered around as a tee shirt was presented to honor her special day. The inscription read, "I was born a boy, but I really want to be a girl!" Then the truth came out. When the entertainer joined the crew she had very short hair, so the other entertainers gave her a masculine name. "So!" Jody explained. "We have just made you an honorary member of the transgendered community." The entertainer blushed, the crowd roared, and everyone in our group felt a rare form of satisfaction and joy!

A still silence fell over the crowd as Jody took her place center stage. Her voice dropped into a mellow baritone as she spoke. "As you already know, I am Jody, but I am also John. I am a man who was born with a very large feminine side, and I express the feminine side with clothing. Our group would like to say, 'Thank you,' to all 1400 of you who have opened your hearts to us. You have accepted us and you have shown us that you are capable of moving beyond the social mores which sometimes control our lives. We love you for this. The group joins me in gratitude."

If there had been dry eyes in the crowd, they were no more. Slowly the crowd rose to their feet, wiped the tears from their eyes, and started to move toward us. The comments warmed our hearts. Some said, "You taught us much about life." Others said, "This cruise was boring until we found you." A few women said, "When we get home we are going shopping for large sized dresses."

The next day it was time to pack for home. Priscilla, Queen of the Seas, was returned to the prop room, but her red high heels and wig went back home with Jody and Char. Oh! by the way. Priscilla was not a winner, she only showed in the second race. But let me tell you, our community was the winner. Many people will view us differently in the future. This all happened because a group of women chose to share the experience with their husbands. It is true! The open hand holds more love than the closed fist.

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around the follicle, and only occasionally hits the root. In essence, the ratio of laser treatment hitting normal tissue compared to follicular tissue will be quite high and a significant amount of pain will be experienced. The second method of laser epilation being developed requires a carbon-containing lotion to be rubbed into the hairy skin, hoping that the carbon particles will coat the hair and follicle. The skin surface is then scanned with laser light which heats the carbon particles around the hair and upper follicle. The problem with this method is that the carbon particles can't penetrate the follicle any deeper than the follicular infundibulum (follicle pore), and most will not get much beyond the skin surface because of the hair shaft and other cellular debris (such as blackheads and whiteheads) filling up the pore. As a result, some hairs are singed off to create an effect not much different than that of chemical depilatories, and it certainly will not be permanent. In short, at its current level of development, the laser is a rather expensive and painful temporary means of epilation. There is no doubt that some laser epilation will evolve as another modality for both permanent and temporary hair removal.

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# The TG Calendar

## January 1997

**23-26:**
**First Event,**
**Woburn MA,**
P.O. Box 2283, Woburn MA, 01888,
**617-891-9325**
(for all TG-identified people)

## February 1997

20-23:
Fantasy Fest, New Orleans LA,
JMickiHart@aol.com
(open to all TG people)

22-23:
True Spirit Conference,
Washington DC,
American Boyz, 410-392-3640,
e-mail
F2M-admin@tantalus.clark.net
(for non-femme-identified
TG genetic women)

## March 1997

**11-16:**
Texas "T" Party,
Dallas TX, P.O. Box 17,
Bulverde TX 78163,
201-980-7788
(for all TG-identified people)

## April 1997

**15-20:**
**California Unity,**
**Long Beach CA,**
11th Annual
IFGE Conference/
California Dreamin' '97,
P.O. Box 229,
Waltham MA 02254-0229,
**617-899-2212,**
IFGE@world.std.com
(for all TG-oriented people)

## May 1997

4:
First Annual GenderPAC
Political Conference,
Washington DC,
riki@pipeline.com
(free to all TG-identified people)

5-6:
2nd National Gender Lobby Days,
Washington DC,
Riki Wilchins, 274 W. 11th St.,
New York New York NY , 10014,
212-645-1753,
riki@pipeline.com
(free to all TG-identified people)

15-16:
Paradise in the Poconos,
P.O. Box 61263,
King of Prussia PA 19406-1263,
610-640-9449
(crossdresser-oriented)

## June 1997

4-8:
Be All, Chicago IL,
P. O. Box 342,
Chicago IL 60690
(for all TG-identified people)

19-22:
2nd International
Conference
on Crossdressing,
Sex & Gender Issues,
987 Old Eagle School Rd.
#719, Wayne PA, 19087,
610-975-9119
(focus on professionals
but open to all)

## July 1997

16: 20:
5th Annual Spouses
and & Partners
International Conference
for Education, Ontario CA,
SPICE c/o P.O. Box 5304,
Katy TX, 77491-5304,
918-343-1953,
melpeg@phoenix.com
(crossdresser-oriented)

## October1997

2-5:
Southern Comfort,
Atlanta GA, P.O. Box 77591,
Atlanta GA, 30357

19-26:
Fantasia Fair,
Provincetown MA,
P. O. Box 2734, Boston MA 022208

## August 1997

3-10:
Dignity Cruise,
Location TBA,
P.O. Box 5304, Katy TX,
77491-5304,

**800-247-7021**
(crossdresser-oriented)

9-11:
3rd Annual FTM
International Conference,
Boston MA,
5337 College Ave. #142,
Oakland CA 94618,

**617-683-1095**
(for female-to-male
identified people)

## September 1997

10-13:
15th Harry Benjamin
International Symposium
Gender Dysphoria,
Vancouver B.C.,
Vancouver Health Sciences Center,
Center for Sexuality,
Gender Identity, Echelon Bld.,
2nd Fl., 856 W. 12th Ave.,
Vancouver, B.C., Canada V5Z 1C6
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# A Photo Essay

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one couple I know started out as two women,then one transitioned, and they gotmarried, then the other transitioned, and so they became a male couple. Recently, I have even been given permission to photograph surgery, and photographed the gradual creation of a male body. It is powerful to see surgeons performing their intricate sculpture, powerful witnessing the recuperative abilities of the body and the mind, and the joy of the person experiencing an old dream come true.

We are all aware of the amazing increase in the numbers of films, television shows, and books dealing with transgender topics, so I 'm not going to repeat the list. The only one I'd like to mention is the play *Rent*, now on Broadway. The play is about disparate people living on the lower East side in New York City, trying to make enough money to pay the rent. They develop into a kind of family through the positive influence of a drag queen named "Angel." Even after Angel dies at the end of the first act, she exerts her loving influence over the family, and they manage to keep together until the end. She is an angel in life and in death. I think, without consciously realizing it, the creators of the play brought transgendered people full circle: Here is a modern day shaman. Angel has brought you back to your roots as healers, teachers, wise people. Again, everything we know is out there, one just doesn't know where it will show up next, or who will take the ball and run with it.

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some capacity, or covered up by clothing. The transgendered mind and soul were ashamed of the body that held it, and didn't want it to be seen in its vulnerable, unadorned state.

I always wanted to be very respectful of the discomfort connected to the body, and although I have photographed people nude, or making love since the early 7Os, the time wasn't right to show these photographs. Now that the body, mind, and soul, the whole identity of the transgendered person is be-coming more lovable and acceptable, now that individuals love themselves and each other, the body itself may be uncovered. I have started to exhibit some of these images, and include them in slide shows. Rosa's film includes a little nudity, and Loren Cameron, a photographer in San Francisco, a FTM, is doing nude self-portraits and portraits of other FTMs. What is moving and fascinating is looking at a body that combines elements of female and male anatomy, creating its own poetry, vulnerability, and beauty. This body doesn't have to be seen as being on the way to some goal: It's already there.

Finally, I think the most dramatic change in the transgender image of recent years is the miracle of the emergence of female-to-males as a group rather than just as isolated individuals. I am beginning to question differences in photographing female to males, while remaining true to my own vision. I am exhilarated by the proliferation of reversed couples and other variations, even among the same individuals. For example,

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*More of*

# Maxiette Pathy Allen

## Transgender Images

# Merissa Sherrill Lynn

# Still Feisty After All These Years

## IFGE's Founding Director (ret.) returns to our pages in an uninhibited no-holds-barred interview

*Merissa Sherrill Lynn needs no introduction to most of the transgender community. As founder of first the Tiffany Club and then the International Foundation for Gender Education, she has touched the lives of almost every crossdresser, transsexual, spouse and anyone else involved with TG issues. Her accomplishments and the honors they have earned her are legion. Merissa initiated* Tapestry Journal *(this publication's earlier incarnation), the Winslow Street Fund, the Christine Jorgensen Fund, the Virginia Prince Lifetime Achievement Award, the Trinity Awards, and many other TG institutions. A dynamic fount of ideas and energy, her efforts to build up the TG community resulted in butting heads with important figures both within and without our borders. In the process she garnered a reputation as a volatile, combative personality with a "my way or the highway" attitude that saw her estranged from large parts of her constituency and ultimately led to her resignation from her position with IFGE. Since that moment Merissa has remained uncharacteristically 'above the fray' and has restricted her involvement in the TG community to a small transsexual support group meeting monthly in her Wayland, Massachusetts home. Recently* Transgender Tapestry *Editress-in-Chief Jean Marie Stine enticed the redoubtable Ms. Lynn back to our Waltham offices for a no-holds barred interview that should reassure her supporters and dismay her detractors with the fact that she remains as strongly opinionated and firm in her convictions as ever.*

*Transgender: You left your post as IFGE Executive Director under somewhat controversial circumstances.*

**Merissa:** Executive Director was a title that someone else came up with. It had very little to do with the reality of the situation. We all were part of a team here in Waltham. There was no money to pay the staff real salaries, so we had to tap into a different kind of motivation: working from love, from a sense of caring, for an opportunity to do something for someone else. That meant we had to work as a team, so that whatever needed to get done could get done. We were not in a position to have a chain of command, we were not in a position to have "bosses." Executive Director was somebody else's title. I was the founder. I was, to use the analogy of a tribe, the Medicine Woman. Let somebody else be the chief, as far as I was concerned. Let somebody else be the warrior. My place was as a kind of spiritual guide, to keep IFGE going in the direction we were supposed to be going in, to look over things, to write, to try and get people to have a common focus, a common purpose — and to try to understand what that common focus and common purpose were. When the chain of command was wished on me, I no longer had a function because my vision, my long range battle plan, really became moot. It was replaced by something else. Instead of building a community of people who were willing to work together, we suddenly had customers and competitors. We had bosses and employees; we didn't have the team. I was placed in a position where I was being required to compromise my principles, compromise my vision, compromise my dreams, to become somebody's employee, to be hired and fired. I was being asked to do the things that I did worst, and not do the things that I did best. Or was qualified to do. I'm the world's worst business operator, and

Photo, Mariette Pathy Allen

"When it comes to ideals, I'm not democratic. When I see something wrong, I am not going to compromise ideals to conform. Often people want to work in this community not for the good of others, but to advance themselves. Self-centeredness, mean-spiritedness, egocentrism are all problems for me. I'm very sorry if it appears that I am saying everything must be 'my way or the highway.' That isn't my intention at all. It's just that what people want to do in many cases is wrong."

I'm the first to admit it, and I'm damned proud of it. The situation just rendered me unable to operate, unable to function. This is not to say that the way things have evolved is bad. It is just to say that this is the way things have evolved.

*Transgender: You have stated that your original goal for IFGE wasn't merely to help TG people, but to serve as a vehicle to help the entire world. What did you mean by that?*

Merissa: I talked about this in the past and a lot of people don't get it. We all live on the same planet, and we all want to have happier, better and safer lives, to be in balance with the environment and with our community. In the TG community, we had an identifiable group of people with unique qualities. There's something inside each and every one of us that makes us special. I wanted to use our resources and gifts as TGs to help people acknowledge that everybody was different and to help them learn how to respect those differences, regardless of what they were, religious, racial, sexual, whatever the case may be. And then to create the conditions that would enable the world to work together to find the compromises that would allow all of us to live together, the religious right, people concerned about their families, gay people, TG people...everyone. And that would come through education, that would come through respect, that would come through love, through accepting the responsibility to love, accepting the responsibility to not hate, to not be pissed off. Not be whatever it is that creates the fiery rhetoric that perpetuates disrespect and fear in most societies. I wanted to overcome that and to use our gifts as TGs as the means to that end. That meant creating of TG people a community of doers, of workers, who shared the common objective to build a better world, to helping people learn to respect, to love, to care, and to find the compromises. To build a community. And then to create an organization that would empower that community and provide that army, if you will, with the tools that would enable them to achieve the objective. That's basically what it's all about; we are alive, so is everybody else. It's important that we find ways to be able to live together.

*Transgender: Some critics have found what they see as a disparity between your claim to have created IFGE to help people "find the compromises that would allow them to live together in harmony," and what has been called a "dictatorial, my way or the highway" attitude toward those who share your dedication to the community but whose approach or vision differs from yours.*

Merissa: My heritage is philosophy. One of my guiding principles is to do the right thing because its the right thing to do, because I have the obligation and because I have accepted the responsibility and the duty to do the right thing, regardless of whether it is politically, economically, or socially expedient to do it some other way. Now, I am very open to people who can show me a better way. People who can say, "I suggest this," or "I recommend this," or "Will you do this?" People who would be willing to work with me. I'm very flexible in considering different ways to do things...if it's right. I will change my mind instantly when something else appears to be more right or more effective. But when people come in that have a completely or fundamentally different orientation when it comes to ideals, then I'm not democratic. If it becomes democratic, then it's no longer an ideal. It becomes something else. So that when I see something very wrong, I am not going to compromise my principles or my ideals to conform. Often people want to work in this community not because of idealism, not for the good of others, but to advance themselves and their own agendas. Their self-centeredness, the mean-spiritedness, the disrespect, the egocentrism, are all problems for me. I'm very sorry if it appears that I am saying everything must be "my way or the highway." That isn't my intention at all. It's just that what people want to do, or they way they want to do it in many cases is wrong.

*Transgender: Some critics have also taken you to task for what they perceive as hypocrisy. They say you reputedly created IFGE as an organization to help TG people come out publicly and build self-esteem. Yet you yourself are rumored to be uncomfortable around people who can't "pass," drag queens and gender-benders.*

Merissa: I don't like to have undue attention drawn to me. I'm uncomfortable when I'm in public with people whose behavior draws attention to them. I don't like surprising other people or having them jump to conclusions. It feels degrading, it feels embarrassing. I don't need that. I don't want it. But that doesn't mean that I don't care about DQs, or gender-benders or those who can't pass. Because I do care. I want people to go about their lives in the happiest and most successful way that they can. But I don't want to be placed in an

uncomfortable, embarrassing situation to accommodate this other person. Also, being in-your-face like that, has the effect of making a statement. If you're trying to be an in-your-face, act-up-type of person, fine. But in making yourself the most "obvious" person in sight, you in effect become most people's first exposure to TG people, in their minds a representative of all of us. By becoming the source of controversy and discomfort, I feel you have created a disservice to all people. You make it more difficult for the person you have confronted or offended to find peace with who and what you are, and more difficult for the rest of us to live peacefully with them. To use a phrase that's been around since I started the Tiffany Club, and still applies, "You exercise good manners and common sense and protect the security and the peace of mind of all." That works. In-your-face politics doesn't. There is a place for in-your-face politics. I'm not condemning that. I'm not condemning the TG march on Washington or the Gay Pride parades. I'm very much in favor of that. But there's a place for it. It's not in front of myself or somebody else just trying to walk down the street going grocery shopping or at a fast food restaurant with their children.

*Transgender: What was your reaction to* Tapestry Journal's *face-lift and name change to* Transgender Tapestry.

Merissa: Just for my own sense of pride, I refuse to call it anything other than the *Tapestry*. One of the things that is most important to me is a sensation of dignity and pride, anything that promotes people getting out there and doing things in a proud way. People working in soup lines, people setting up halfway houses for runaways, people doing things, heroes. One of the reasons we created the Trinity Award was to find those people in the TG community and uncover their stories. People like the woman who had just had surgery and put her body in the line of fire to protect the life of another woman in Colorado, and became a paraplegic. People who are standing up on full dress in public and speaking with pride. TG people who are promoting an attitude of dignity for TG persons. That's what I wanted to see in *Tapestry Journal*, not marketing. That's why I would only put people who made a significant contribution to the community on the cover; somebody who had earned the right. I'm disappointed that we've turned to movie stars and television stars, people who other than being an entertainer have done nothing to work within the community. To me, it seems belittling. To have an article about *Victor/Victoria* and examine the philosophy and evolution of the story, no problem. But to have *Victor/Victoria* on the cover, no. But I also know that it sells.

*Transgender: What were some of the accomplishments and highlights that stand out from your years with IFGE?*

Merissa: One of the highlights was creating circumstances that led to the enthusiasm that we generated at our first convention. I was also pleased with the way we were able to pull off the 1990 convention in Boston. We had an undersized hotel, we had snafu after snafu, but it was one of our most successful conventions. That *Tapestry Journal* grew to be what it was. That we have a bookstore here that makes available to the community and the public a wide assortment of information. I was initially very pleased with the creation of the Winslow Street Fund. I thought it had great potential as a funding source for educational projects and scholarships in support of the community. I was disappointed in the lack of growth of that fund. Going to the annual American Psychiatric Association has been a big success, though it was an expensive project. That we were able to acquire an office and a staff and the number of people that we were able to reach, able to touch. There are just so many things.

*Transgender: What have you been doing since you left the IFGE?*

Merissa: The biggest project is that I have been writing an autobiography, which is nearing completion. So I've been going back and taking a good look at that which made me who and what I was, and made me do what I wanted to do in the first place, and the circumstances surrounding the creation of IFGE. I'm trying to go back and put all of the pieces together, to make sure that the philosophy and the spirituality that were there at the root of their development don't get lost. I'm a spiritually-oriented individual. It's spirituality that makes us who and what we are. And spirituality that motivates us to use that which makes us who and what we are to help other people. However, I'm not writing about IFGE or *Tapestry Journal*. That's mentioned, but it's not the focus. As far as the gender community is concerned, I've been keeping my household for people who need a place to live, running a transsexual's support group, and supporting Holly Boswell's work with her Kindred Spirits conferences. Kindred Spirits presents spiritual programs for people who identify with the TG community—who have a relationship with the "Berdache," the Winkte, the Mahu, whatever other terms you want to use—people who have that quality, who want to draw that out from inside. So, other than that, just a lot of writing and work.

The End.

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# THE IFGE STORY:
# *An Oral History*

*Six days per week the staff at the International Foundation for Gender Education's Waltham office(Operations Director, Nancy Cain; Publications Director, Jean Marie Stine; Art Director, Mykael Hawley; and Retail Operations Manager, Vanessa Murray), sometimes aided by the presence of Executive Director, Alison Laing; Membership Secretary, Joan Hoff; long-time stalwart among volunteers, Holly Cross; and occasionally one or two others, attempts to cope with the work generated by IFGE's mission of outreach and education in behalf of the transgender community. In addition to handling sixty-some letters, two dozen e-mail communications, fifty-some telephone inquiries, and unexpected drop-ins seeking understanding and counsel, they must oversee a variety of tasks: mailing information to TGs and helping professionals; producing Transgender Tapestry and the IFGE Newsletter; processing, packaging and shipping mail orders for the IFGE book store; designing 1001 pamphlets, brochures and other items; sending out gratis mailings and announcements for other TG organizations; publishing TG-oriented books and audio tapes; handling membership applications and personal ads; and a host of other activities. Meanwhile, in locations as disparate as Philadelphia and Kentucky, Alison Laing, Chairperson of the Board, Linda Buten; and other members of the IFGE Board of Directors are busy: planning the IFGE annual convention; increasing our outreach and financial support for community-based organizations like SPICE, FTM International, and many others; establishing a TG presence at conferences of helping professionals like the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists, the American Psychiatric Associations and the University of Minnesota Gender Dysphoria Program, working with other TG groups to further education and outreach to TGs; as well as the media, elected officials, and the general public; determining the long-range goals of IFGE, fund-raising, membership benefits; and much, much more.*

*The International Foundation for Gender Education was formed a decade ago, and has grown from one person working in the basement of a private home to a staff of five and a three-story headquarters with a bookstore and magazine production offices. On the occasion of our 10th anniversary, it seems appropriate to review IFGE's origins, early struggles, and present accomplishments. Below is the first portion of a two-part oral history of the Foundation, told in the words of the individuals who "made it happen." Part One covers the years 1987-1990. Part Two will take up the story from there. Participants include retired Founding Director Merissa Sherrill Lynn, past Director of Operations Yvonne Cook-Riley, Membership Secretary Joan Hoff, and long-time volunteer, Holly Cross.*

## OUR BEGINNINGS

Dan Cook-Riley and friend

*Lynn:* From 1975 to '78, several of us in the Boston area, made an analysis of the TG community as it existed at that time.

*Cook-Riley:* In those days, there were only about 35 support groups in the United States.

*Lynn:* The clubs and organizations were mostly local and devoted to social activities and personal growth experiences, like Fantasia Fair, where you went to come out, to learn to apply your makeup, to make friends, and so on.

*Hoff:* Tiffany Club was the only TG-oriented organization between Portland, Maine, and New York City.

*Lynn:* When we finished our study in 1978, we concluded that what was lacking was an organization that would provide effective service to the whole TS and CD community around the world, and the people affected by those communities. We sat that before we could implement that vision, we needed to create a core group with common vision, who would work together to build the organization. So we started the Tiffany Club in April of 1978. The TC was designed to deal with local issues and social activities. This allowed us to develop active people, to create group outings, like the Spring Fling in Provincetown, where TG people could spend several days together, develop self-confidence, dress openly and learn more about themselves and TG issues. Then, almost ten years later, in 1986, we started to think in terms of the international organization that had been part of the plan from day one.

*Hoff:* At that time there weren't national or international organizations inclusive of all transgendered people. Tri-Ess existed as a national organization, but with a different name, Tri-Delta or something like that. But they were only for CDs. Merissa had this idea for IFGE. A group of us from the TC that would get together once a week in Wayland to talk about how this would work: Siobhan Donovan, Stephanie Chandler, Ellen Tibbits, and several others. What would the constitution be? What would the relationship be to the organizations and individuals? Who would publish *Tapestry*, a TC publication?

*Lynn:* The intention in creating IFGE was to gather around us people who wanted to do something for other people — the doers, the leaders, the teachers, the researchers — and put them together. We hoped to provide those doers with the tools that would enable them to go out into the world and make a difference. IFGE would be there as an instrument. This idea carried over into our annual convention and our publication, *Tapestry*. Both were outreach and educational devices, a means of communication.

*Hoff:* The idea was that IFGE would be a membership organization, a membership of various clubs, and TC would be the top club, so to speak, but in our discussion we were afraid this was not going to work, and we decided that IFGE would be a completely independent organization from TC.

*Lynn:* In November 1986, we drew up papers to legally charter IFGE as a non-profit foundation. Meanwhile, we were planning what would be come IFGE's first Coming Together, Working Together Convention. It was to be held in Chicago, at the Ramada O'Hare. The important thing about acquiring a quality hotel was to put our community's best foot forward, not only to the world but to ourselves. It was important to have an atmosphere where there would be a sense of pride and dignity. By February 1987, we had created the constitution and made arrangements for a board of directors. I created an election process that drew voters from those who were subscribing to *Tapestry*. Our first board of directors was seated at that first convention in Chicago. That convention had no format other than, "Where do we want to go from here, both as an organization and a community?"

*Cook-Riley:* I first came in contact with Merissa and the concept of IFGE in Chicago at a convention hosted by the Golden Gate Guys and Gals, with the Chicago Gender Association and the Gateway Gender Association, at an early-morning donut fest. It was 6 am in the morning and we had just got back from an all-night bar, and I sat down and listened and said, "Yeah, that sounds like a good idea, what can I do to help." When I indicated to some people that I was going to give up my company, and move to Boston to open up the 1st IFGE office, I was told that I was crazy. That nobody does that kind of stuff any more. The peace corps burned everybody out, but I wasn't willing to buy that. I said it would work. My reasons for getting involved were politics and anger. I'm a very politically astute person, raised in a very political family. I knew that nobody was going to listen to one voice with one little problem. You find the person that represents many voices, and then you have somebody's ear. I had just recently gone through a very bloody divorce, in which the social worker community killed me. Because I was TG, they took away my child, they took away all my rights. They made me out to be a pervert, they made me out to be an unclean person, and I felt that that had to change. I knew that it would take organizations to make that change, not individual people. There was a great reluctance for people to get involved at that time, the shakers and movers in the community were very few. Probably less than 15 or 20. Groups had to make it. So, I saw an

opportunity with IFGE to educate and perform outreach to the professional community, so we could change their perception of transgender.

*Lynn:* The idea was to create something that would be cohesive for the community, but more than that. To see that we were all part of something greater than ourselves. General education of the world needed to take place. I wanted to get the point where, OK this is who and what we are, this is what affects our lives. Let's go out there and make a difference. Let's get the books written; let's do the lectures; let's attend the other conventions; let's get involved with the other organizations like N.O.W. or the Christian Coalition or whatever. Where we can help people find peace. Find compromise. I was trying to create a community of doers, so I had a very specific definition of community, and it did not necessarily mean just people who were CDs or TSs. But for all people, using our gifts, our talents, our knowledge, as a way of helping people learn respect, to overcome their own fears, to find the compromises that will enable us all to live together, to build a sense of outreach and support among the various organizations that existed and among the various organizations that would come to exist.

Yvonne Cook-Riley

## THE MOVE TO WALTHAM

*Hoff:* Originally IFGE was run by Merissa, out of her house in Wayland.

*Cross:* When the local authorities clamped down on printing *Tapestry* at her residence, Merissa arranged an office in Waltham.

*Hoff:* Yvonne came on board right around then.

*Cook-Riley:* We opened up the office in Waltham on April 1, 1988. I came out in August of '87 and visited several sites. Then I went back to the convention in Chicago in 1988 and made my proposal to come to Waltham and physically open up the offices as Operations Director. The board approved the idea and the concept, and we went on from there.

*Lynn:* In 1988 I was already on the point of collapse. Yvonne stepped forward at the Golden Gate Guys and Gals Convention in Chicago and offered to come be my working partner. I was very pleased when Dr. Sheila Kirk did the same thing a few years later and we, at last, had a working team.

*Cook-Riley:* I was finance chairman, appointed to that office before the board was constituted, and affirmed after the board was constituted. So, until such time as Laura Caldwell asked to take on that responsibility and it was relinquished to her, for the first six years, I wore many hats! Really, too many hats. A lot of times, the hats became overwhelming.

*Cross:* Merissa had a stack of unanswered correspondence that was about a foot high, and I started working on it. I found she had a typewriter somewhere, and I went to work answering some of these things. Merissa was getting sick trying to keep up with the situation. The place in Wayland was not far from where I worked as a consulting engineer, so I could leave them at 4 O'clock and get over there and put a couple of hours in, and go home.

*Hoff:* I was at a point in my own development of coming out where I felt I couldn't sit back and do nothing. I was receiving from the community. I felt helping out IFGE was one way to pay back, and to help. I became the first treasurer of IFGE. It was up to me to work out the financial details.

## IFGE AND OUTREACH

*Cook-Riley:* People would hear about us through the media and call, looking for information. We had the listings of resources, the support groups, basic information about surgery.

*Cross:* The standard calls were first, "I am a crossdresser." I'd say, "That makes two of us," trying to minimize the whole thing. I'd look in the directory and see what was the nearest group in the area and say, "Have you ever been over to CAF in Levenworth or anything like that?" And they'd say, "No!" of course. I'd send them a Xerox of the directory listing and a one-sheet book catalogue. If we did that for everybody who called us, then we were in good shape. The other standard call was, "I'm sure I'm a TS." I'd say, "How sure?" and "Do you know about the Standards of

Care?" and "What are you doing about it? Are you seeing a psychologist?" or, "Have you met any other TS? You should, you need company." And they'd say "No, I wouldn't go to a club."

*Hoff:* the ones I get the most satisfaction out of helping are the significant others that call up to express concern about their husband, "Is he gay?" "Is it my fault?" "What can I do to stop it?" "I meet him at the door wearing just my negligee and he still wears a dress

*Lynn:* When we put together our staff and added additional telephone lines, that became more and more to be part of the services. When we finally moved into our Moody St. offices and had six lines, we were getting 50 to 100 calls a day, every day. And we're still handling 50 -100 calls a day. Many of which save lives. And the number of calls is especially heavy whenever there is a major outreach event, like being interviewed in the paper, then we're going to get 100, 200, 500 calls a day.

*Cross:* When there was a television program, I'd come over and lend a hand on the telephone. We had an awful telephone setup then, call waiting, which cannot handle a lot of traffic. When the phone calls started and the problem was to get the address before another phone call came in and drove you off the call waiting. Then after that, so we'd get another batch around ten o'clock at night, from people who left the VCR taping Phil. Then the west coast calls began to come in.

*Hoff:* Some want to know about their own sanity, others want to know where to get clothes or where there are support groups. Quite a few call up to find out how to get hormones and other medical services. I'd try to find out a little bit more about them, and let them know that it's never going to go away, that it's a part of them. I'd say, "It's just something that has to be accepted, that you have to feel comfortable with. And as long as you have the guilt, it's going to be bad news." We'd try to help them find a support group so they can talk to other people in a similar situation. Because sitting alone is not going to solve anything, it's going to make it worse, or they're their minds with alcohol.

*Cross:* People called at 2 and 3 and 4 in the morning and Merissa would answer. Merissa said some of them were listening one-handed and holding a gun in their mouth. It's hard when you get waked up in the small hours of the night by somebody in that state of mind. It's bad for your morale, too.

## THE HIGH COST OF OUTREACH

*Hoff:* It was a hand-to-mouth existence. IFGE was a small organization trying to get known nationally, and it was difficult because we didn't have the money coming in.

*Cook-Riley:* It takes money to put ideas on to the table. And Merissa was never money-oriented. She always had high hopes that a couple of good people would come by and give her a million dollars to do what she was going to do. That never happened.

Holly Cross

*Lynn:* Yvonne was good at manipulating the dollars. Doing what was necessary to keep the doors open. She received the Virginia Prince Award the year before last as one of the people who have given the greatest lifetime contribution to the community.

*Cross:* Juggling the books is an impossible task if you haven't got enough income to cover the outgo.

*Hoff:* Yvonne gave a business sense to the organization that Merissa didn't have, and was very instrumental in keeping it afloat.

*Lynn:* Keep in mind that when we had the power to do something, if we didn't have the money, we didn't spend it. As long as it was just Yvonne and myself, we were able to use our own salaries as a fudge factor. If we had a shortfall, we would use our own salaries to make up the difference. It's like playing magic tricks. This money goes here, that money goes there, to accommodate the expansion and the growth, which was explosive.

*Hoff:* As the treasurer, I'd show up at the office once a week with the books and the money and the deposit slips. I almost had a nervous breakdown trying to handle all that stuff on paper. I had no computer. I finally had to resign as treasurer after two years, I just went into overload. Yvonne took over then.

*Lynn:* In 1979, my family sold our property in Northhampton, which gave me an inheritance. And at that time I had a choice. Do I take care of my own needs, get my surgery done and get on with life, or do I use that money to work towards creating the TC, the *Tapestry*, IFGE, and the rest of it? And at that time, living a meaningful life was more important. That meant making the greatest contribution that I could make. So I opted to use my money for the greater purpose. I used my money to acquire a facility for the Tiffany Club, which is in Wayland, and is still there. I used my money for the development of *Tapestry*. If there was a shortfall, I paid the bills. I bought the equipment. Of course all of that happened before I received any compensation at all. When IFGE got going and I was authorized some compensation, the growth of IFGE demanded the use of my money for other purposes, so that's what we did. Also, my equipment. So, up until about 1993, the only equipment IFGE had was that which I bought. So that was 75K down the drain. I received some of that back, which enabled me to have my surgery. But that was because somebody came in and made a contribution to help pay off a portion of the founder's debt

*Cook-Riley:* Each time we made a move, like expanding *Tapestry's* print run, holding a convention, or publishing a book, it cost money. And we weren't generating enough money to keep up with our growth. I took enough to eat, pay my personal insurance, and pay on some of my credit cards. In the first year, I pulled from the

foundation about $3,000, and the 2nd year I pulled about $7,000. That was the total amount of money that I lived on for the first three or four years we had the office open. We had hoped that we would be able to have the money, but we just never had the money. The magazine production was slow, and we didn't get enough magazines out. Vernon had a storeroom that was down the hall from the office, about 11 feet wide and about 14 feet deep. Because Dan, my partner, and I didn't have enough money to afford an apt. we lived in that 11'x14' room, until Dan got a job and made enough money for us to have an apartment of our own.

*Lynn:* In the early years, if I absolutely had to have some money, I took my salary. But if I didn't absolutely have to have money, I didn't take it. And Yvonne was the same way. It was more important to keep the project going and develop it.

Holly and Linda Buten

*Cook-Riley:* The problem today is that we're still growing at such a rapid pace, we outstrip our financial resources. Until such time as our financial resources can catch up, we're always going to be on the edge. Not having enough money to do everything that we had to get done. We begged, we borrowed, we developed good credit. We would not pay ourselves so we could pay our bills. We sacrificed an awful lot in those first five years. We went through minor periods of burnout. It wasn't a job, it was a lifestyle. When I lived in the office, I would be in the office seven days a week for maybe 5 or 6 weeks at a time; only leaving the office only at 10 or 11 o' clock at night to go out and walk. I didn't want to miss a telephone call from somebody calling for help. I had a telephone with all the extensions under my bed, and I would answer the phone at 3 o'clock in the morning if somebody called. We were just so determined to set a standard of excellence at any cost, and that cost was our lives, because we didn't have any. We were very much in a missionary state of mind, to do everything we could do to establish and build the foundation.

## VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*Hoff:* We got a lot of help from volunteers in those early days. We couldn't have done all the work without them. One that comes to mind is DeeDee Watson, a great person who had a big heart, now deceased. She was very supportive of IFGE.

*Cook-Riley:* Renee Chevalier gave us a lot of assistance and support early on. Another person who emerged back in 1988 was Kyle Williams, the brother of Vanessa Williams. Christie Young from the midwest volunteered as our first shipping clerk. She would come in after work every day and after I had all the orders ready, she would get the books and magazines packed and into the mail.

*Lynn:* Nancy Cole did a great job as Chairman of the Board. Linda Buten came up with the idea of having local fund-raisers to benefit IFGE. That was super. Ellen Summers, who passed away, was absolutely wonderful. She pulled everything together for our '94 convention, in Oregon, which was very successful. Betty Lee Johnson had expertise in put on large events and undertook to educate me and the staff about how to coordinate conventions, negotiate with hotels and deal with staff. That was absolutely essential for the success of all the conventions that came after. Nancy Nangeroni was a spearhead in development of the Winslow Street Fund, one of the very best ideas to come along.

*Cook-Riley:* The Winslow Street Fund was a foundation account created to provide grants to the community. It was started at Fantasia Fair, at a series of meetings at a bed and breakfast in Provincetown on Winslow St. What we were trying to come up with a name that was generic enough so somebody could write a check for the TG community that would not raise an eyebrow and say, "What the hell is the International Foundation for *Gender Education*?" Linda Buten started it with a check for $132 raised from Crossport. From that beginning, the account now is close to $60,000 and has given away close to $18,000 in grants. Winslow St. grants made it possible for certain groups like FTM International get their first conferences started. Then we developed the Christine Jorgensen Fund after Christine's death. It was intended to help publish material that dealt with TS issues, flyers, books and other publications. Today, we also have the Educational Research Fund. It finances outreach to helping professionals and pays for our presence at conferences like the American Psychiatric Association and the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists.

## THE BIRTH OF *TRANSGENDER TAPESTRY*

Lynn: When we founded IFGE in 1987, we separated *TV/TS Tapestry* [later *Tapestry Journal*, now *Transgender Tapestry*] from the Tiffany Club, and it became the primary publication and source of funds for IFGE. We saw that a national publication was needed that could be used as an informative, educational outreach tool, and marketing device that could publicize and support the other local TG support organizations across the country. We had the Directory of Organizations; we reported on the activity of all groups; we opened up a personal listings section, so TGs from all over the world could to establish communications. *Tapestry* was to be strictly unbiased, so we banned any negativity from the publication. Like IFGE, *Tapestry* was intended to cater to the mind

and the heart. You can't hit at the mind and the heart by hitting at the groin. So we were covering everything that the masturbation-oriented TG literature didn't. Even though I know that sells, I wasn't thinking of making money. For me, the bottom line is service. However, that doesn't mean that you don't do what you have to do to get the money to provide the service.

*Cook-Riley:* : In 1987, before we opened up the office, I went to Las Vegas, to a book distributor's convention, and canvassed every adult book store distributor there because in those days only adult book stores would carry TG-oriented material, even when it was innocuous and had no erotic content. TG was still considered that far out of the mainstream. I came back with the input that to get orders we had to make some fundamental changes in the cover, including color and photographs. We had to switch from newsletter format to magazine format. The adult bookstore distributors are still with us today. But we've been lucky enough to bring the magazine into the general reader trough Barnes & Noble, Borders and the other legitimate bookstores I was able to sign up as perceptions of sex and TG changed. We have built the print run from 1,500 to 10,000 copies per issue. We could have moved it further, if we'd had the money.

*Hoff: Tapestry*, was a good source of funds and kept IFGE going. But it was not coming out on a regular basis.

*Cross:* When the situation got to the point where we just weren't getting the magazines out there on time, I was offered the job of editor and I said. "I don't want it, thank you." So they got in Jan and Diane Dixon, the people that did the book on married couples.

*Cook-Riley:* Merissa was editing the magazine and running IFGE. It was too much for one person to do. I'd put the pressure on for magazines, and she'd put her feet out. In 1990, we finally came to the conclusion that we'd have to get somebody in here to help her, and at the time Vivian Allen became available. She helped reduce the errors in grammar, spelling and things like that. Then in 1991, Stacey Toon was going through transition and needed a place that she felt was a safe place to work. Stacey and Vivian began getting the magazine out on time.

*Lynn:* When Vivian came in, she started off as my editor, and finally was able to take over as the Director of Publications. This enabled me to go back to being the founding director. Vivian brought in her own brand of idealism. She was the first employee. we actually put on salary and committed ourselves to paying. And she did a wonderful job. Then along came Stacey, who helped with the graphics. I turned over most of my equipment to her. Now we had two people doing a job that would normally require an entire staff. It went from one person trying to do everything, to two people trying to do everything, to having three people having to do everything and having things grow proportionately. So, there was never any stopping, any breathers, and things just kept growing. And when Vivian left, Jean Marie Stine came along and filled that hole.

*Cook-Riley:* Stacey brought the magazine into electronic format. We were now on the cutting edge of a lot of the changes in publications. Of course, sometimes IFGE could not financially afford the equipment or software she needed, and that frustrated her. So there was always the problem of asking her to do the job of moving a mountain and giving her a teaspoon and telling her to start digging. But she dug, and she dug hard.

## IFGE CONVENTIONS

*Lynn:* The convention wasn't created to be IFGE's con, it was created to be the community's con, sponsored by IFGE. The purpose of the convention was that the community was supposed to define what leadership directions it was going to take, and IFGE was going to provide it with the opportunity to do so

*Cook-Riley:* The convention concept we started with was a spin-off of the need of the TG community leaders to come together to bring their different agendas into a common place, to respect them, and to find common goals to work for the community. Now, that's the idealistic concept of "coming together, working together." That concept could not sell to enough people to make the convention financially feasible, in a major hotel, with the amount of meals we were having, speakers we were having. That's why Allison is trying to go back to what the community is asking for. We came close to it in Minneapolis last year, being able to present a conference that was a party, a celebration of pride, of being transgendered. That would be the positive way to go and get away from the concept that you were going to get the leaders in this community to agree totally on everything. Total waste of time, energy, and money. There's no common threat that's so big, so looming, that it will justify the community solidifying in such a manner.

*Lynn:* From those first few conventions came the Congress of Transgender Organizations, the communication network for all organizations. The Southern Comfort conferences came out of those early cons. A number of local orgs also formed as a result of initiatives taken at those early cons. So there was a dynamic, a kind of energy. But the nature of the convention itself destined it to low numbers, 100 to 200 people. Because it was difficult to get more than 200 movers and shakers together in one room at one time. This created a problem, because if people were going to spend their own money and vacation time to attend an event, they wanted it to be more social. And, as such, the original purpose of IFGE convention became difficult to maintain. People wanted to replace work with "sizzle," with entertainment. But I'm no about to criticize it. It was created for the community and the community defined the convention according to what it wanted. I just think it lost its potential to educate leaders.

*Cook-Riley:* The first convention where Virginia Prince received her award, was a happening. The 2nd convention was going to be based around Merissa receiving the Virginia Prince Lifetime Award, but she was upstaged by Christine Jorgensen . It was something for me to sit and have breakfast with Christine and talk, very frankly, and very openly, about her life. She knew she was dying and she wanted people to know her opinion of being TS. She knew that she wasn't the first TS, and she openly admitted that. But she was the first one who let publicity seek her out. The 3rd convention was noteworthy because of the fact that it was the first one where the F2Ms as a group had a program and collected together. It was the 1st time they actually had an organized program for 3 days dedicated to F2M issues. This was the forerunner to all the programs they have today and this was the groundbreaking convention and that was in Boston. And this is what brought the F2Ms into the TG community.

*The second and concluding installment of this oral history of IFGE, compiled by Jean Marie Stine and transcribed by Frankie Hill, appears in our next issue.*

*(Jean Marie Stine is Director of Publications, a member of the board of directors of the Tiffany Club and creator of the TG-themes movie,* Synapse, *which recently debuted on the Cinemax channel.)*

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Rudloph Grey believed his subject garnered numerous medals for heroic action in the South Pacific theater of war.

Chasing foreign spies, machine-gunning a platon of enemy sodiers in defense of wounded comerads, combat in panties, playing the half-man half-woman in a carnival, not to mention performing the fabled "geek" act? It all begins to sound a bit too much like the kind of flamboyant Saturday afternoon movie s Ed spent his childhood absorbing in the front row of the Bardavon Theater in his home town of Poughkeepsie—and a bit too unlikely for an alcoholic who couldn't write a decent line or direct a vaguely ept scene. And, indeed, it is. Not a word of it is true.

Ed Wood, second from right, in drag with angora sweater, with the cast of Glen or Glenda?

And these are only a few of the unlikely exploits with which Ed, that highly successful conman managed to con his friend's, and the media hounds that came chasing after him. Below are 14 myths about Edward D. Wood that have been widely repeated in the mainstream media, followed by a brief summary of the far less glamorous truth.

**Myth #1:** Ed was a decorated hero of the Pacific Theater in World War II.

**Fact:** Ed did, indeed, show his Hollywood friends such medals as the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Oakleaf Cluster, Purple Heart (awarded for wounds received under fire), Sharpshooter's Medal and dozens of other ribbons and decorations. But his military records show they are bogus, Ed never won a single one of them. The entire collection was purchased at a local pawn shop.

**Myth #2:** Ed's right leg was chewed up by machine gun fire, resulting in a series of disfiguring scars.

**Fact:** Ed returned home with a scarred leg, but the scars weren't the result of a combat injury as he claimed. Hospital records reveal these scars were the result of nothing more glamorous than a bad case of tropical fungus.

**Myth #3:** Ed's missing front teeth were knocked out by a Japanese in hand-to-hand combat on Tarawa.

**Fact:** There was hand-to-hand combat involved all right, and the encounter did take place on a Pacific Island. But it was far behind the lines, in a bar fight, that he lost his two front teeth.

**Myth #4:** Ed was a combat veteran who fought as a "gyrene" on Maumea, Tarawa, the Marshal Islands and other famous hot spots of the Pacific campaign.

**Fact:** He was never a combat soldier. He was nothing more glamorous than a company clerk who typed forms far from the frenzied dangers of the combat zone.

**Myth #5:** Ed secretly continued to serve his country after the war—undercover as a spy. ferreting out Russian agents who had infiltrated the U.S. as performers in the Ice Capades.

**Fact:** Ed never worked for the Ice Capades or the U.S. government after W.W.II. He went straight back to college.

**Myth #6:** Ed played a half-man half-woman in a sideshow by putting a needle in his boobs and blowing them up like a balloon.

**Fact:** According to medical experts, blowing up the skin of the breasts "like a balloon" is physiologically impossible. According to sideshow aficionados, a hermaphodite is traditionally employed; otherwise the role is played by either a normal woman, with a heavy mustache augmented by an artificial beard; or a fat man whose plump breasts are made to look even more feminine by being squeezed into a very tight bra.

**Myth #7:** During a brief period after the war, Ed performed the "geek" act in a carnival.

**Fact:** The geek act is like the sword-swallower's—except a live chicken is substituted for the sword. The head and neck of the hapless fowl (usually trained or sedated) are lowered into the geek's throat and then withdrawn. Geeking is a highly specialized art, not easily or quickly aquired.

**Myth #8:** Immediately after being discharged from the military in 1946, Ed studied under famed dance instructor Martha Graham.

**Fact:** Wood never met Ms. Graham. During the period immediately following the war, when he claimed to be simultaneously studying with her, playing in a carnival and dancing on stage in drag in San Francisco, Ed was prosaicly attending Northwestern University.

**Myth #9:** Ed worked in the

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this out of fear of being displaced by a person she neither knows nor understands. Only the CD husband can change this sort of attitude on her part. He must take the utmost patience in helping her understand that his femme persona is not a threat, but a blessing for them both.

The CD usually eschews all the foregoing advice. He feels, and perhaps rightly so, that it is HIS life, he has waited long enough for his turn, and either his wife accepts him as "her," or else. This has been our experience in most of these situations. The wife, as most women, goes along with something she doesn't like or understand in order to keep her marriage.

The CD needs to know, educating a wife or partner about gender issues is not a joint effort toward gender awareness. After 20 years of living with a seemingly "normal" man, a woman is not going to get excited about that same man donning a dress and trying to get a grasp on his femininity. Just getting a woman to talk about gender issues can be very difficult. She has been raised in a world of "male-female," and has lived in a society which denies the very existence of gender-conflicted individuals.

The burden of education, of patience, as well as understanding, falls squarely on the CD. Unfortunately, few rise to the occasion, feeling as most men, that this is the province of females.

We know of several positive, indeed, exemplary relationships involving genetic women and transgendered males in our community. A relationship of this sort requires a lot of effort to make it work, but trust us when we say the results are more than worth it.

The ingredients of a successful relationship in Genderville are really no different from those in the everyday world. They are composed of equal parts of love, understanding, communication, and patience. We generally ascribe these attributes to the female sex. This is where the transgendered male can shine, because he has the ability to develop these things much easier than the average "guy."

From personal experience, we are able to assure you that once you find that place of complete understanding with one another, you will find a level of happiness unequaled in "ordinary" relationships. But it is all up to you!

(*Linda and Cynthia Philips are directors of Texas' Boulton and Park Society, and the force behind the highly-acclaimed annual Texas "T" Party. Both are frequent contributors to* Transgender Tapestry.)


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know it was a man or a woman until we had sex," An outrageous excuse he has heard from more than one person convicted of a crime against a TG.

Early last year, Tonye sent out a press release over the computer superhighways and byways of the Internet announcing the birth of TOPS. This proved to be the ignition wire that set off a chain of flames among TGs who fell into the target professions.

As a result, 51-year-old Capt. Michele Kammerer a

Capt. Michelle Kammerer

firefighter in L.A., police officer Stephan Thorne from San Francisco, and retired cop Joyce Andrews got in touch with Tonye. "Would you like to be a founding member of TOPS?" Tonye asked, and they accepted. Somehow ABC picked up news if the group's formation and wanted an exclusive for television's *20/20* last January. This gave TOPS an incredible amount of much needed exposure. Exposure that, on the whole, Tonye feels was tasteful and positive. Although he has commented that "It's a shame ABC couldn't flash the name TOPS across the screen along with the contact phone number." Never the less, he is still getting referrals from that broadcast.

According to Tonye, TOPS' confidential membership currently stands at around 100, is growing every day and has the potential of reaching into the thousands. But in order for TOPS to achieve that size, the media will have to play a major role. He doesn't, however, sit around by the phone waiting for a call from Oprah or Geraldo. The proactive publicizing of TOPS is Tonye's golden rule. He has sent letters to the major police departments throughout the country offering to send one of TOPS' members to either speak or implement a cultural diversity training program. The responses to Tonye's letters have not been overwhelming, yet, but he believes that in time that will change because those that he has talked with, he has had a positive influence on.

Michele Kammerer is convinced that Tonye's proactive stance is the best approach. "I strongly believe in organizing special interest groups for networking, for more political power and to educate each other and the general population," said the Venice Beach fire captain of 18 years." "We need to work for positive change in GLBT (gay, lesbian, bi- and TG) people and society."

Michele knows all about the need for change, as her own coming out was received "poorly" by her fellow firefighters. She said there "may be" homophobia within fire departments across the country because TG issues are not talked about or addressed as gay and lesbian issues are. Within her own department, she points to the military-like clustering and patriarchal structure as the reasons others are hesitant to openly discuss TG-related issues. She feels the only way that can change is if people can talk openly without fear of negative undercurrents.

While it's true that TOPS main focus is aiding transgendered people who serve in an emergency care role, Tonye doesn't limit his services. "Most of my people are transgendered, but I don't really care who they are or what they are. If they're straight cops who are supportive of TG issues and that want to be in (TOPS) they can." As Tonye put it, 1995 was the "year of the cop." The American public was inundated with reports and video footage of "cops beating people up." Tonye

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wants people to know that cops will hold other cops accountable. *"Anybody* who is mistreated by cops and wants the aid of TOPS, we will be there."

Although TOPS was originally created for emergency care personnel, Tonye doesn't limit TOPS' services to only those who fit into the target professions. One reason is that an influx of citizens interested in TOPS emerged, which compelled Tonye to open up membership to anyone—waiters, artists, truckers and even reporters can join TOPS.

Tonye also formed a citizens constituency that holds departments accountable for the way they treat people—such as the paramedic who stopped performing emergency medical aid to Tyra Hunter. If someone is mistreated by emergency civil servants, "TOPS is in your corner." That's basically how the group operates. TOPS' presence and assistance will more times than not be requested by either a group or an individual before any intervention is started.

TOPS made history with the Sean O'Neill case earlier this year. The case, which received a lot of media attention, concerned a young F2M who back had consensual "make-out sessions" with several teenage women. When they learned what was beneath his trousers, they decided to cry rape. This landed Sean a date with a judge in unfriendly Colorado.

Tonye, along with IFGE Board Member and FTM In-

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ternational President James Green, and several others traveled to Colorado to testify in court about the special circumstances involved in a transgendered person's incarceration. During the media circus, Tonye worked with the public defender to help instruct the judge on just how and where Sean could most safely serve his term. Tonye and James came away with a "wonderful victory." Sean still had to go to jail for 90 days. However, the understanding judge could have sentenced him to four years in prison—in an all male prison.

In addition, the judge ruled that Sean didn't have to start serving his sentence immediately. After listening to the concerns brought into light by Tonye and James, the judge said since he realized he couldn't put Sean in the male population nor with the women prisoners, he needed time to figure out a suitable and fair solution. To anyone's knowledge, never had a judge requested such input, let alone heeded it.

During a Transexual Menace demonstration in Chicago last spring to bring attention to the murder of Christian Paige, Tonye served as a liaison between the Menace, demonstrators and Windy City police. Tonye spent some time talking with members if the police department. His notable reception he feels is largely due to the fact that he can deal with cops because he is a cop. "I say, 'Hey, I'm one of you guys and this is why I'm here and this is what I'd like to do,'" Tonye explained. "It's a courtesy and it's effective. Police officers are a breed within themselves. There's a camaraderie. A cop is a cop no matter where you are. I'm a cop too. I understand their concerns and I tell them I'm here to alleviate those concerns."

In fact, TOPS, activities have kept Tonye hopping. Recently, he has also helped an unemployed transgendered police officer get a job. Tonye often he wears the hat of counselor at times as well, giving advice over the phone to cops and other professionals who want to come out at their jobs but don't know how to go about it. "I've got cops calling me from all over the country saying 'I don't know where to go. This and that happened to me and I have no recourse.' "

But with all of its good intentions, there is one disconcerted former member of TOPS who isn't so sure that as a support network, TOPS will survive. "I'm fearful that the concept of TOPS is dying off," voiced retired cop Joyce Andrews. "People might go back to doing their own thing." The ex-West Coast operations director said that Tonye is more "politically active" than she is comfortable with. That perception has prompted Joyce to step down. "If TOPS is to survive and be effective, it must focus on a single goal, which is garnering the support of membership," she says.

Tonye reports he gets calls from TG cops on a consistent basis. But Joyce claims that much of the potential membership is not getting the message that TOPS is out there. "Just 6-8 months ago I talked to a cop in northern Texas who thought he was the only transsexual cop in the country," she states. However, Joyce does not think that Tonye's work on TOPS is for naught. "I still think TOPS is a wonderful idea, but in addition to helping transgender cops, TOPS could help the entire cop community," she offered. "TOPS should let them know that the crossdresser on the street could be their partner and not a freaky deviant."

Joyce and Tonye have an obvious respect for each other. But, although Tonye would like her to continue working with him, there is too much diversion in their respective philosophies. So, for the time being Joyce has opted to continue her public speaking. If TOPS does get a "second surge" she would possibly reconsider offering her services.

Differences of opinion just go along with being human and Tonye has no plans on giving up or changing his extroverted approach to change, education or TOPS. With a big heart and a rock-like steadiness that's not overly rough around the edges or too abrasively loud, Tonye and TOPS are trying diligently to take on a life of their own. He knows that growing membership is the key to TOPS' success, as is more mainstream media exposure. These will allow TOPS to continue to make a difference.

Yes, Tonye's a cop. He's got a shiny badge, he carries a loaded gun and as he said, cops are a different breed. They see people hurting each other nearly every day and are trained to take on the criminal element by force. Certainly, Tonye brings those experiences and reactions to TOPS. And yes, Tonye is loyal to his fellow officers, but don't you guys start shooting at him (verbally) because he's gonna shoot back. To Tonye, if that is what it takes to make a difference, then so be it.

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ment and blood product transfusions. It is a disease of the world. When a community in Bela, Russia, a population of stoic peasant type, industrious people report that a third of their numbers are infected and there is no hint of how it was introduced to this community, shouldn't we all look strongly at the insidious and pervasive nature of this disease? Shouldn't we face the knowledge that this is a disease transmitted to others who enter our lives looking for intimacy and sharing, not for disease and death?

And what of our community? Are you aware that in the Far East, transgendered folk in large numbers have the disease. Are you aware of transgendered individuals in the United States beginning to add to the overall statistics significantly? The body of medical literature dealing with this in our population is beginning to grow. It's easy to see how this can be so. Most in the F2M community are lesbian oriented. AIDS in the Lesbian community is increasing! In the M2F community whether individuals are purely crossdressers or pre- and post-op transsexuals, the need to confirm attractiveness and complete the contragender role can and does lead some individuals into sexual liaisons that are casual, temporary, unprotected and dangerous. Multiple partners are commonly a hallmark, poor informational exchange regarding medical health is common and what is revealed is often false.

One segment of our community, those in the street scene, are particularly at risk and their need to acquire money for livelihood, drugs or reassignment surgery leads them into peril.

My fear is that members of our community turn their eyes and minds away as much as does society. They don't think. They don't prohibit. They don't understand. And often they don't inform themselves by reading. Even if you are in a relationship that seems to be honest and strong, there is need to educate yourself and those you are involved with. There is need for complete declaration of our medical pasts, embarrassing as it may be, and great need to ensure our medical futures as difficult as that may seem.

I urge you not to allow this great worldwide concern to be pushed aside. To begin with, know exactly where you are from a medical standpoint. Have an HIV blood test, especially if you are living somewhat close to the edge. Have your partner join with you in the testing and in the information exchange. If you are unpartnered, look very cautiously at what you are willing to allow and to become complicit in when in a sexual liaison. And don't believe that only one testing is all that needs to be done. Sometimes, a very active sexual past requires frequent and periodic testing. To be assured that you are free from disease and from this worry is paramount. One last thought—donate to AIDS research. Yes, make that effort, and if needed, make that sacrifice. This problem belongs to us all, whether we are ready to accept it or not.

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story department at Universal Studios.

**Fact:** Records show Ed was never employed in any capacity by the film industry giant.

**Myth #10:** Ed directed dozens of early television commercials.

**Fact:** "Ed must have been drinking when he said that," according to crony and actor Conrad Brooks

**Myth #11:** Ed was a transvestite.

**Fact:** This is a fiction Ed put out to placate his Hollywood friends and girlfriends. In truth, Ed was a transsexual. In addition to his lifelong admiration of Christine Jorgensen, Ed told friends that if he could come back to life as anything he wanted, he would choose to be, "A woman. A blond woman."

**Myth #12:** Ed was a heterosexual crossdresser, repelled by the thought of sex with another male.

**Fact:** Writer-director Robert F. Slatzer, who knew all those involved in Ed's circle, reports that Ed had several encounters with men, while dressed as his femme persona.

**Myth #13:** Ed's TG inclinations were the result of his mother having dressed him in girl's clothing to punish him as a child.

Fact: This is a typical sex fantasy of most adolescent male-to-female TGs, and the story Ed told the majority of his friends to explain his crossdressing. He told others that it was the result of wearing a soft, fuzzy bunny suit in a school play. Still others were informed that it was the result of being buttoned into a girl's coat, the only one available at the time, during a winter emergency. However, Ed's father was a tough-minded W.W.I veteran who would never have countenanced either of his sons being crossdressed, and, revealingly, Ed's brother has reported that he, at least, was never punished in any such fashion. Nor did he ever witness it being done to Ed.

**Myth #14:** Ed's films were shot on such hasty schedules, with such cheap props, because the budgets were minuscule.

**Fact:** Ed generally raised twice the amount of his budgets (backers contributed $60,000 to Planet 9 from Outer Space, but only $35,000 ended up in the production budges). However, up to half the funds went into financing his lifestyle and lavish "fundraising" parties for his next film.

Sources: USMC records, Universal Studio records, *Nightmare of Ecstasy,* personal interviews with Conrad Brooks, Robert F. Slatzer, Vampira, Ed Wood.

*(Jean Marie Stine is the author of a number of articles about her friend Edward D. Wood, Jr.)*

Johnny Depp stars as cult legend Edward D.Wood Jr.

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questioning youth. As a result, many TG children encounter uninformed or prejudiced counselors and therapists who insist that such behavior is abnormal or transitory. Some may even claim that TG behavior can be cured or reprogrammed. *Transgender urges are, however, not abnormal — and because there is nothing mentally wrong with children who are TG, there is no cure beyond accepting and loving them for what they are.*

Once that fact is recognized, it is easy to understand that the majority of difficulties TG children face come from those who cannot accept differences in others. If there is any "help" for children or youth with gender identity issues, it can be found within the keywords:

Acceptance
Androgyny
Compromise
Communication.

It is important for parents to recognize that children need to be accepted for who they are, not for what others think they should be. This is especially true for children with gender identity issues. Adopting an androgynous unisex manner of dress and behavior can be a safe compromise for TG children who cannot appear publicly in the clothing of the gender they identify with.

Developing mutually acceptable compromises can include asking the child to dress in the clothing of their birth sex for formal events such as weddings, but allowing the child to crossdress around the house. Or it might include encouraging TG children who want a name appropriate to their "inner" gender to adopt an androgynous name like Mickie, Bobbi or Joni until they are older. Communication is a crucial component to supportively raising a TG child. Even if you cannot fully understand what your child is experiencing, remind him or her that your love is unconditional.

The price of not supporting a TG child can be tragically high. TG children who are continually forced to comply with social stereotypes may develop depression and other behavioral problems. They may also become estranged from family and end up homeless on the streets, at risk of victimization and disease. As adults, they may find themselves in tremendous anguish later in life. Ultimately, they may even see suicide as their only solution.

Though it may be difficult to accept that your child has these issues, and it may not initially be possible to offer validation or acceptance, please remember that your child needs your love and compassion. Do not reject your son or daughter. This may result in unresolvable estrangement. Instead, ask yourself the following useful questions:

How can I keep communication lines open, even though I am not familiar with gender issues or crossdressing?

Where can I send my son or daughter for support and validation, particularly when I don't know how to offer it right now?

Which is more important, fulfilling social stereotypes and others' expectations, or giving my child an opportunity to develop a healthy, gender identity?

If you have a son or daughter with transgender issues, seek advice from a gender-specializing counselor or therapist. You may find one through local gay and lesbian organizations, a local TG support group, or national organizations like the International Foundation for Gender Education even the Internet. Additionally, many gay and lesbian youth groups offer outreach to TG children. (Even though gender identity and sexual orientation are different, many of the questions and concerns are similar.) Finally, you can receive support through organizations such as PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) who also welcome parents of transgender individuals. (Your closest PFLAG group can be located by writing PFLAG National Office, 1101 14th Street, N.W., Ste. 103, Washington D.C. 20005, (202)638-0243, or via e-mail at Pflagntl@aol.com.

*This article is dedicated to my parents, who I hope are blessed with love, peace and joy*

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search supports the view that sexual orientation is an innate characteristic, whether or not manifested in behavior—but the relevant principle should apply whether or not one agrees. It is equally unfair to subject someone to job discrimination because of personal behavior that has nothing to do with qualifications, ability or performance.)evant principle should apply whether or not one agrees. It is equally unfair to subject someone to job discrimination because of personal behavior that has nothing to do with qualifications, ability or performance.)

By applying these two basic principles to the treatment of sexual orientation (whether heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual) in the workplace, ENDA will foster a more productive American economy. Millions of Americans will be able to more closely approach their full potential on the job, free of unjust harassment and discrimination. Co-workers and management who formerly wasted valuable time and effort identifying, stigmatizing and harassing capable employees based on their sexual orientation will instead be encouraged to focus on legitimate company business.

"James, do you ever get the feeling TGs are being overlooked?" "What gives you that idea, Rikki Ann?"

## ENDA FAILS TO PROTECT TG EMPLOYEES

Valuable as ENDA is, however, in its current form it would fail to protect the many thousands of Americans who suffer from job discrimination because they are or appear to be transgendered. By "transgendered," I mean persons who, in their own or someone else's opinion, manifest characteristics, behavior or expression typical of or commonly associated with another gender. The term is most commonly used to refer to persons who have gender identities (a characteristic) which diverge from that typical of members of their chromosomal sex, and who consequently may spend time occasionally, or indeed, live most of their lives, in a gender role consistent with their gender identity rather than their chromosomal sex. The term transgender includes not only transsexuals and crossdressers, but also hermaphrodites and intersexed persons. Because ENDA addresses only the issue of sexual orientation, none of these persons would be protected against discrimination directed against them as transgendered persons.

I hope the Committee will forgive the use of a few examples to clarify my meaning. Suppose a senior vice president is discovered attending a "drag" event, and is summarily dismissed. Suppose a postal worker transitions from one gender role to another, then undergoes sex reassignment surgery, and is harassed mercilessly, and develops stress-related symptoms leading to partial disability and lost job time. Suppose the best qualified, but intersexed, secretarial candidate fails to get the job because the interviewer finds such people distasteful.

In each of these examples the discrimination is unrelated to the victim's qualifications, ability or performance. In each, the bias is directed against the victim's transgendered characteristic, behavior or expression. And in each case, ENDA, as currently drafted, would leave the victim without protection, because the discrimination is unrelated to the victim's sexual orientation. As a result, people who could work, and who—most Americans would agree—should work, might find themselves economically marginalized, unable to realize their full potential, and our economy would lose the benefit of their productivity.

## THE SOLUTION: REVISE ENDA'S DEFINITION OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION

The omission of transgendered persons from ENDA could be remedied by broadening Section 17(9), ENDA's definition of sexual orientation, to include gender characteristics, behavior, expression or identity, regardless of chromosomal sex. Of course, such an expanded definition should make clear that manifesting transgendered characteristics, behavior or expression neither would excuse non-performance of the essential functions of an employee's job, nor shelter violations of law in the workplace (e.g., sexual harassment, rape, or public indecency). Moreover, a provision should be added requiring a reasonable accommodation when an employee is capable of performing the essential functions of an employment position at issue (with or without a reasonable accommodation), notwithstanding the fact that he or she manifests a transgendered characteristic, behavior, expression or identity.

Protecting transgendered persons against job discrimination would not be unprecedented. The discrimination at issue arises from the application of stereotypical notions of what having a particular chromosomal or birth sex entails. Arguably the application of such stereotypes is nothing but sex discrimination in another guise. (I am aware of the line of judicial decisions, holding that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. ' 2000e-2[a][1], does not protect transsexuals. See, e.g., Ulane v. Eastern Airlines, Inc., 742 F.2d 1081 [7th Cir. 1984]. Whether or not Ulane and similar cases correctly interpreted Title VII, common sense suggests that it is sex discrimination to act based on stereotypical notions of how human sexuality must be manifested.)

Judicial decisions interpreting anti-discrimination provisions other than Title VII have begun to recognize this.

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derstand it. I made it a point to educate her as to what this was all about for me. Once she understood, she felt a lot better about it, although she is not totally accepting about it. It's hard for her to accept the fact that maybe when I'm crossdressed I want to get intimate with her. She has a slight difficulty doing that. I understand that. She is also concerned about me coming out in the open to all our friends and family. What will they think? She's also concerned about kids. It's important to note that in our marriage this is just one issue that goes along with other marital issues just one of the issues we work out. "It's something I tried to kill a thousand times," said Eric, "but it's like cutting off a part of your being. I thought if I didn't dress for a month it would go away. But it just built up. I was 28 when I first told my then-to-be wife. She kind of reacted to how I felt. I was feeling very fearful. She reacted fearfully. It fed into my fear. It's a self-fulfilling prophecy. If I had been in a good place in myself and presented it as just a part of me, she probably would have accepted it a lot better. "Now I'm in a more embodied place. I feel secure in my maleness and am starting to embrace the feminine parts of myself—that no matter what, have been part of me. I feel more of a blending of the two, the masculine and the feminine. Part of it was wearing the clothes.

"Somehow I feel a need for outside recognition, too. I'm still closeted to friends other than crossdresser friends. My crossdresser friends are a safe and secretive community. I'm afraid to tell other friends. I don't like feeling like a leper—not wanting to be touched or seen. As I accept myself more and more I'm sure the time will come when it's just okay. Not with everybody—I'll still have to protect myself. I'd get killed at my job." For Tom, coming out was part of his mid-life transition. "It has been a useful crutch for me now that I can let go of the need for achievement. Many men start to explore their repressed feminine side somewhere between 35 and 50. When I crossdress, I can have feeling, I can face the part of me that is dependent, I can grieve, I can be sensual without needing a sexual conquest—so many of the things women have been saying for years. I had been secretly dressing when my wife and kids were out. It was infrequent, secretive, confusing and shameful. I didn't know anyone else who did it. At 46, I began to come out. My wife is accepting, supportive even. She'll help me with my wardrobe, although her tastes are different from mine. Initially, a trust had been broken. I had not been thoroughly honest with her until I came out. It took a couple of years to re-build trust. My daughter knows, but she doesn't want to see me dress. Her biggest fear is that her friends will find out.

"That reminds me of the social stigma. Being out in the world is totally accepting because of where I choose to go—to clubs and with friends who also crossdress. I discovered a sense of community after seeing a therapist who encouraged me to find it. I got into this subculture and found out I wasn't alone. There were people I liked and people with similar stories."

## Coming Out As A Psycho-spiritual Initiation

For each of the three men I interviewed, coming out as a crossdresser was a profound, freeing experience. The words that they used to describe the experience included: freeing, at last I could feel complete as a human being, feeling more integrated, able to express a core part of myself. Not only did coming out diminish the painful feelings of shame and isolation that came with having to keep a core part of the self hidden, but it also increased a sense of fulfillment and spiritual growth.

Raphael comments, "Crossdressers are really no different from anyone else. Except crossdressers have a desire to express another aspect of their being. That expression fulfills a need to be complete as a human being. It also generates a lot of different feelings including frustration, depression and exhilarating feelings. The frustration comes from the inability to express yourself when you want to. Maybe not being able to share this expression with the people you love, like your friends and family. That frustration can create a depressing frame of mind. Exhilaration and fun come from the fact that you are able to express an aspect of yourself that you are not really free to do out in society. When you do, it's especially liberating, and can be a relaxing experience."

Tom acknowledges, "My purpose is to be whole and at peace with myself. I've found what's different between how society does things and what my spirit needs to be whole." Crossdressing has given Tom permission to experience and express both the masculine and the feminine parts of himself.

Another result of the coming out process is both self-acceptance and compassion for others. Eric notes, "I used to always curse this part of myself and wonder why I was the way I am. Lately I've been thanking the gods, because I really think it's shown me more compassion. There are so many similar situations people are in. Like women, gays or blacks looking for equality and status. Any minority group is in the same boat."

The process of coming out as a crossdresser suggests that not only individuals but also society as a whole can heal when we are able to move beyond the narrow confines of socially defined roles and embrace the diversity and fullness within each of us as human beings. Difference creates the possibility for a broader understanding of what it means to be human. All of us benefit when there can be congruence in our inner and outer worlds.

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wards were manifold. My first emotions were those of sheer terror and the feeling that I'd better find a new apartment to feel so unsafe in my own home and to be so blatantly reminded that people like me will never be anything but hateful freaks to some was chilling. As an F2M I am fortunate enough to pass completely, but many who regard me as a nice young man would think me a monster if they "knew." James Green's words at the first FTM International Convention echoed in my head: "Invisibility does not equal acceptance." I thought next of the article and the fact that it had almost certainly enabled him to make the connection between my new and my old selves. Without it he'd probably just have assumed that I was a new tenant, or even my own brother. I started to feel like a patsy for ever having agreed to the article and photos. In my more irrational moments I even felt that this was my punishment for having been foolish enough to think that I could make a difference. I began to wonder if there was any point in ever trying to educate people at all. Going completely "stealth " and concealing my transgender nature from the world began to look ever more attractive.

But then other thoughts came to me. As disturbing as the confrontation had been, I began to realize that I had actually "won " it, if there can be a winner in such situations. People don't tell you they know Karate unless they think you'd actually be a threat in a fight, and people who feel that they've bested you in a confrontation don't say, "I've never seen a tenant like you," when they clearly have far stronger language in mind.

A strange kind of exhilaration then set in. I'd had my first male-male confrontation, and I hadn't backed down or betrayed my fear. Something had gotten into me when I found myself confronting him, and it wasn't just the testosterone I'd injected the day before. By refusing to just slink away, I was informing him that I was as good as anyone else and that he did not have permission to gawk at me like a zoo animal. I hadn't done the thing that he'd clearly expected of me, I hadn't given him the one thing that everyone who had ever picked on me on a playground or in a classroom could always count on: I hadn't been ashamed of myself.

Addendum:

Just days after writing the above piece, I was on my way out of my apartment building Thanksgiving morning when I saw my neighbor the Starer yet again. "Good morning," I said, bracing myself and taking a deep breath.

"Good morning," he replied. "Can I ask you a question?"

Now I really braced myself. "Yes?" I replied tentatively.

"Has there been heat in your apartment?"

"It has been really cold in the building, come to think of it. I thought it was just my leaky windows at first."

"I'm going to give the landlord a call, " he said.

"Sounds like a good idea," I replied, relieved and surprised at the prosaic nature of the conversation.

"Well, happy Thanksgiving," I said, starting off again on my way.

"Happy Thanksgiving," he replied.

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Sec, e.g., Maffei v. Kolaeton Industry Inc., S. Ct. N.Y. Cnty., New York Law Journal, 1A, Part 19, at 26 (March 17, 1995) (New York City ordinance barring sex discrimination in employment covers transsexual).

Numerous jurisdictions in the United States have recognized that transgendered persons need protection in the workplace, including the State of Minnesota (Footnote 4: M.S.A. 363.01 Subd. 45 [defining "sexual orientation" as including "having or being perceived as having a self-image or identity not traditionally associated with one's biological maleness or femaleness"] & 363.03 Subd. 1[2] [prohibiting employment discrimination based on sexual orientation]) and the cities of Iowa City, Iowa; Minneapolis, Minnesota; New York, New York; San Francisco and Santa Cruz, California; and Seattle, Washington. Outside the United States, workplace discrimination against transsexuals now is unlawful in the member states of the European Community, and in New South Wales, Australia. As transgendered persons become more visible in society, the trend has begun toward protecting them against job discrimination. It is time for Congress to do likewise.

The United States stands at a crossroads as it nears the end of the 20th Century. Will it enter the next millennium as a society that welcomes the contributions of all of its citizens, so that it may benefit from the diversity that is its greatest strength? Or will its various communities balkanize, dehumanizing and attacking one another, until society devolves into a social zero sum game, and the country becomes a place of incivility and prisons? ENDA deserves passage, and ENDA should include transgendered people, because America needs the full productivity of all its citizens—straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered.

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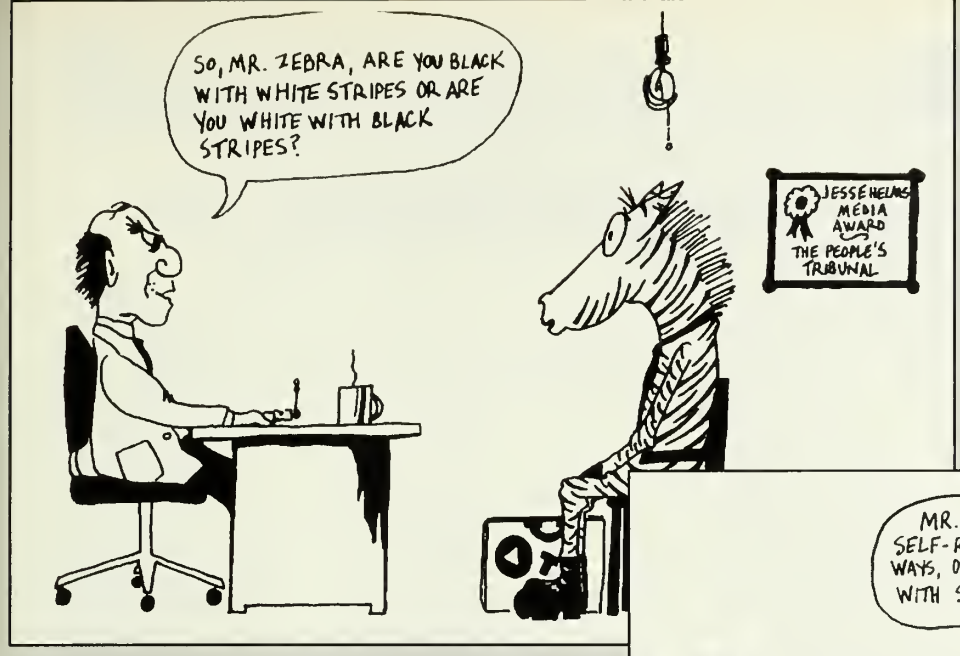


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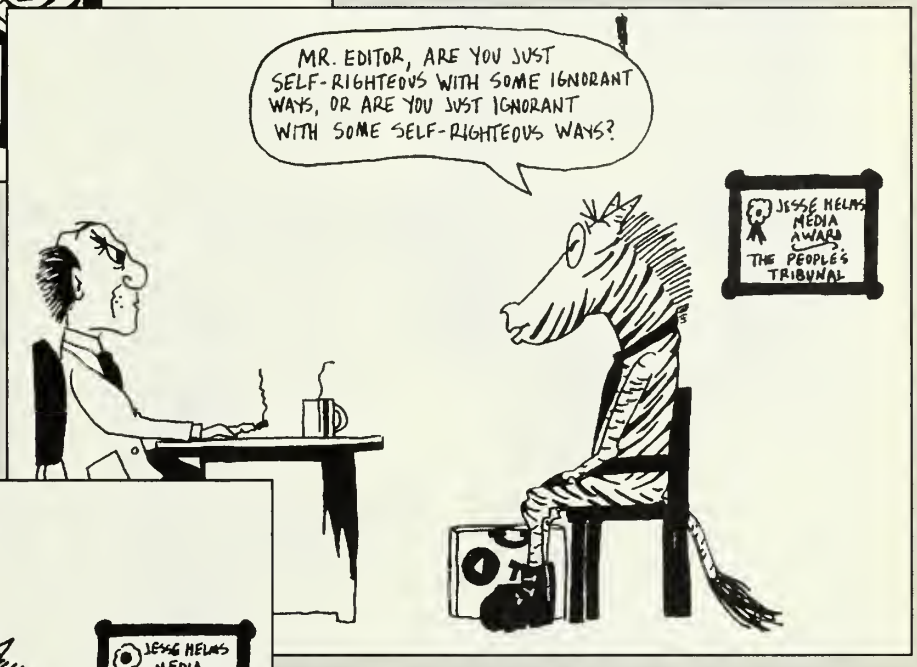


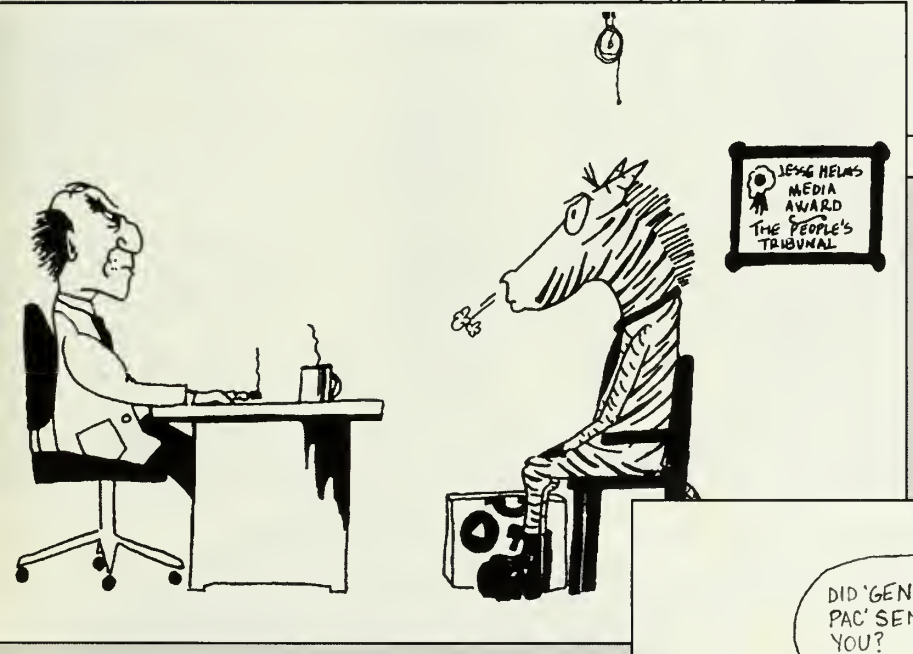


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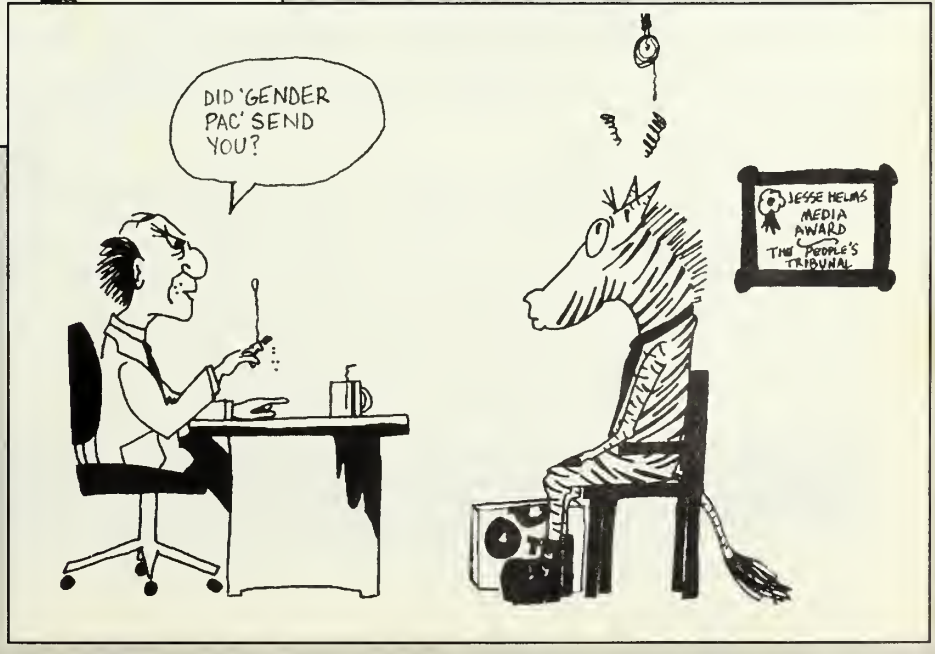

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# TG Culture: Part 2 Moving Into The 21st Century

## Alison Laing

What really happens to and for transgendered people in the future depends a lot on you. Each of you can have an impact on how the public, your friends, and your family view us. As we look forward to the next ten years I believe there will be lots of "good news" and some "bad news." (You see, I'm not always a Pollyanna.)

The best news is that we will continue to be given more public exposure. We are getting more and better exposure in the press, on television and radio and in published literature. All this increases public awareness and ultimately leads to more or less full acceptance in most all metropolitan areas. Whether this will buy us "respect" is another thing altogether. Respect is something we have to earn. Fortunately, because many of those who transition or "out" themselves, are people who are extremely self confident and often over achievers, they will win respect, making it "O.K." for others to respect a transgendered person.

Just as we have seen sensationalism on TV talk shows followed by more public personalitics such as Ru Paul, Dame Edna and now Dennis Rodman, there is a real possibility that we may be entering an age of TG heroes and even more mainstream media personalities who are TG. I dream of the day when some popular movie star or TV personality or even a political figure with nothing to lose "comes out" as a TG person.

As we are becoming more visible, we could even be part of the creation of a new phenomena of "experimental," and maybe even casual or social cross dressing. It might be done under the guise of getting in touch with your feminine or masculine side. Also in some circle, cross dressing is already being done just for attention (or so they say!)

The diversity of the transgender culture will become even wider as yet unexpressed or unknown variants become visible. Most recently, we have been joined in the political activities by the national intersex society. I believe we will see more and more non-operative TS individuals, people living full time in the gender of their choice without the usual "corrective" surgery. This may be especially true in the F to M movement. I also see a trend towards a greater fluidity within the spectrum of transgender as the possibilities of living dual lives becomes a more viable option.

Now for the bad news. If you think we tend to be over organized or disorganized now and that there is a lot of infighting among groups and personalities and divergent policies, wait till the future! You "ain't seen nuttin" yet. Some of you may be aware of the internal disagreements in the TG community regarding the inclusion on *GID (Gender Identity Dysphoria) in the DSM IV (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder 4th Ed.)* used by health care professionals. It seems that while one very active group is picketing the American Psychiatric Association to have it expunged, another very vocal group is defending it as being a way for many to get health care coverage.

This is typical of what we can expect to see more of in the future. For example, are we part of the greater Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual community or only separate communities with similar problems? Are the needs and issues for transsexuals so different from cross dressers that we shouldn't even try to work together? Then what about the F to M and M to Fs? The potential for separation and dissension can and does go quite deep and wide.

We will also see greater efforts on the part of the religious and political right to defile and condemn us as we become more successful in our outreach for acceptance. This is actually a good sign; one measure of the success of a social movement is the extent of the "back lash" activity.

Over the next ten years there will be many more groups expressing even more special interests. They may be more militant, more outspoken and perhaps even more visible than anything we have seen to date. It will be just like churches or any other social and political movements; the more it spreads, the more sects and special interest groups will be formed. We will probably see some existing organizations die and see some mergers as the founding charismatic personalities leave or retire or as they discover that it is better to survive in a cooperative effort than to die from being overwhelmed by more progressive competition of so many different venues.

Besides all the various support groups, special interest, social and political rights and advocacy organizations of a not-for-profit nature, we can expect to see a proliferation of more commercial services, Gender Clinics, special interest conventions, tours and workshops. There will be more TG owned and operated businesses and possible cooperative ventures including housing communes . Perhaps even "retirement homes for TG's" owned and operated by TGs. ( Anybody interested in an investment opportunity?)

And, of course, we will continue to grow in our presence on theWorld Wide web. The potential for new and innovative ways for the TG community to participate in this arena is only limited by bandwidth and our imagination.

There you have it. Or at least some of it. I'm sure each of you has your own ideas of what our future is and I would like to hear from you on this. Some of you may see it more optimistically than I, and others more pessimistically. But in any case, each of you can also impact the direction we are going.

The next ten years, as we enter the 21st century, will be exciting for us. We are at the "knee of the curve" in so many of our growth areas. These will be thrilling and challenging times; they will also be rough times. Decide if you are just along for the ride or if you want to influence the direction in which we are headed. It is up to you each and all of you . The freedom to express our roles in the gender presentation of our choice is in our hands. We and only we, can do the education of the general public, the educators, the professionals and the law makers and law enforcers, about who we are.

Finally, while I have always advocated that the best education occurs on a one on one basis, please let me encourage you to support your local group. And, if you are not yet a member, please join and support I.F.G.E. in our battle with ignorance, prejudice and to help and support those who still live in fear, shame, guilt. You can help make the difference. Working together, we can make the future ours.

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